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MRS ETTA BIDDISON=

208 WATSON ST BOSSIER CITY LA:

RETEL HUSBAND S/SGT WILLIAM T BIDDISON ASN 6660367 WAR DEPARTMENT / STATE HIS NAME APPEARS ON RECORD HERE AS HAVING DIED FEBRUARY 1945 IN JAP PRISON SUGGEST YOU FORWARD LETTER YOU RECEIVED RECENTLY FROM HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WILL MAKE THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF MATTER=

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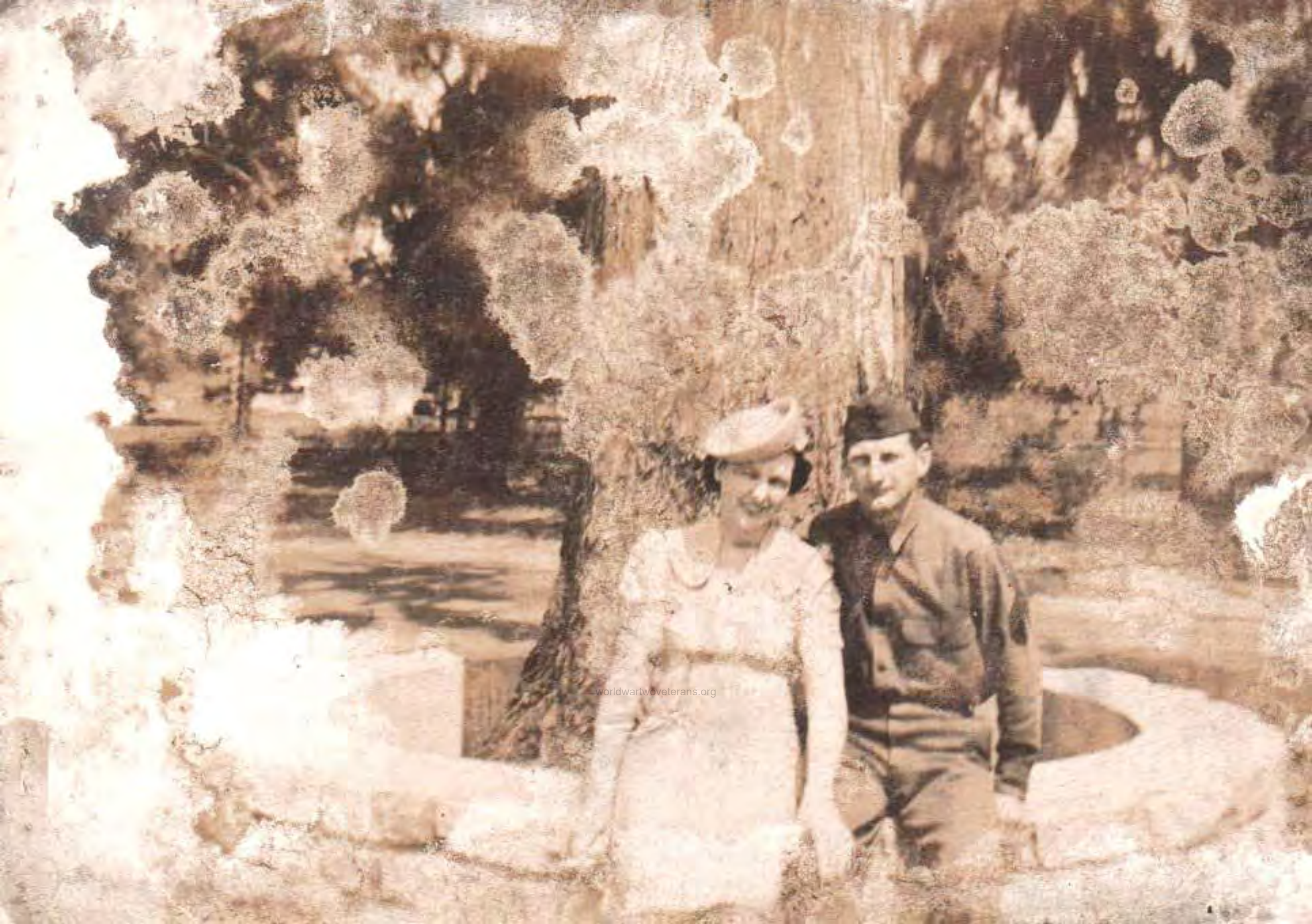


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Bournemouth St. in 1941



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Marriage License



STATE OF LOUISIANA }
PARISH OF BOSSIER } Clerk's Office, Twenty-Sixth District Court.

To Any Ordained Minister of the Gospel, Judge, or Justice of the Peace Who Is Authorized to Celebrate Marriage Within the Parish of Bossier, Louisiana, GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND EMPOWERED TO UNITE IN THE BONDS OF MATRIMONY AND HOLY WEDLOCK

MR. William T. Biddison, of Shreveport, La.
(GIVE FULL NAME)

AND

Mrs. Etta Malone, of Bossier City, La.
(GIVE FULL NAME)

And to solemnize and to celebrate said Marriage between said parties, according to the laws and customs of this State, and make your return hereof as the law directs, and this your authority for so doing.

Given under my hand and seal of office, at Benton, La., this 5th. day of October, 1940

[Handwritten Signature]
CLERK OF COURT.

STATE OF LOUISIANA—PARISH OF BOSSIER PROCES VERBAL OF MARRIAGE

BE IT REMEMBERED, That by virtue of a License issued by the Clerk of the District Court of the

Parish of Bossier, I, W. B. Sapp

have celebrated Marriage between Mr. William T. Biddison

and M rs. Etta Malone, and have joined them together in

Holy Wedlock, according to law, this 5th. day of October, 1940

THREE WITNESSES:

[Handwritten Signatures of Witnesses]

CONTRACTING PARTIES:

[Handwritten Signatures of Contracting Parties]

SIGNATURE OF MINISTER, JUDGE OR JUSTICE.

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Signed- A. J. Broussard
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(SEAL)

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Signed- A. C. Whittington
" A. Crain
" W. M. McCall

Signed- William T. Biddison
" Etta Malone
" W. B. Sapp



AIR CORPS TECHNICAL SCHOOL
ELECTRICAL SPECIALISTS — CL.5 — DEC.1, 1939
CHANUTE FIELD — RANTOUL ILLINOIS





Always Paul

All items in this PDF was collected and preserved by George Allen Malone from his grandmother Etta Biddison. You can learn more about William T. Biddison AKA (Buck Rogers) at <https://worldwartwoveterans.org/biddison-william-talbert-biddison-6660367-kia-pow-killed-in-action-prisoner-of-war-camp-at-osaka-48th-materiel-squadron-27th-bombardment-group-the-fighting-men-of-louisiana/>





COMMISSARY IDENTIFICATION

CHARGE ACCT. No. 160

NAME: Biddison W.T.

RANK & ORGN.: S/Sgt, 2nd Mat. Sqd, 35th Air Base, Gp

DATE: 1/10/41

MONTHLY CREDIT LIMIT \$ 27.00

APPROVED:

Joseph T. Hall Jr.

Orgn. Comdr.

[Signature]

Base Adj.

JOSEPH T. HALL, JR.,
Air Corps.

SIGNATURE OF DEPENDENTS AUTHORIZED TO USE CARD:

Mrs W. J. Biddison

Name BIDDISON William T Grade Pvt.

Serial No. 6660367 Org 23rd Bomb. sqdn A.C.

CLASS "A" CARD

Hawaiian Department, T. H.

Luke Field, T.H.,

(Station)

A. G. Liggett
A. G. LIGGETT, Maj. A.C.
sqdn
(Co. 1st Btry. Commander)

William L. Travis
WILLIAM L. TRAVIS 2nd Lt
asst (Adjutant) A.C.

Eyes blue Hair brown Complexion ruddy

Height 5' 10" Weight 150 lbs Age 29 yrs

Identification marks on face and hands only. None

The holder of this card has demonstrated his loyalty and ability to conduct himself in such a manner as to reflect credit upon the service and upon his uniform. He may be extended privileges as indicated in par. 12 b (2), Regulations Hawaiian Department.

William J. Biddins

(Soldier's Signature)

Name BIDDISON, William T Grade Pfc.

Serial No. 6660367 Org. 23rd Bomb. Sqdn.

SPECIAL PRIVILEGE CARD

Hawaiian Department, T. H.

Luke Field

(Station)

H. W. Beaton
H. W. BEATON

Major, Btry A Commander

Edward D. Marshall
EDWARD D. MARSHALL

1st Lieut., A.C.
(Adjutant)

Eyes Blue Hair Brn Complexion Ruddy

Height 5'9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Weight 150 Age 30

Identification marks on face and hands only. None

The holder of this card has demonstrated his loyalty and ability to conduct himself in such a manner as to reflect credit upon the service and upon his uniform. He will be permitted to leave the post at any time when not on duty. This card will be shown to any military police upon request.

William J. Biddison

(Soldier's Signature)

UNITED STATES ARMY MOTOR VEHICLE

DATE 4-10-37 OPERATOR'S PERMIT No. 1

QUARTERMASTER CORPS, TRANSPORTATION SERVICE
MOTOR TRANSPORT DIVISION

THIS PERMIT, WHEN OFFICIALLY STAMPED AND DATED,
AUTHORIZES THE UNDERSIGNED TO OPERATE U. S. A.
No. W-34546 OR ANY MOTOR VEHICLE IN THE ARMY.

T. R. Starratt

T. R. STARRATT
SIGNATURE OF ISSUING OFFICER
1ST LT. A. C.

William J. Baddison

SIGNATURE OF OPERATOR
23rd B. Sqdn.
ORGANIZATION
Luke Field, T. H.

STATION

Any violation of Motor Transport regulations or conviction by any court will be entered on reverse side of this card.



San Francisco Cal.
Oct. 28 1941

Dear Honey;

I just arrived in San Francisco this morning at 7:45⁵ A.M. and come over to Fort Mac Dowell on Angel Island. and just got thru reading your letter honey I was sure glad to hear from you damn sorry you had so much trouble coming thru you know you beat me. to Sheepsport we got to Maiden and was held up because they burned a bridge out in front of us so we had to detour on a narrow gage road. and we didn't get into Sheepsport until Wed about 8:30 I was going to call up Fay & Luke but they carried away down in the yards and I didn't have time to make a phone call. Honey this was the slowest train I ever rode on it took us 7 days to get here. Well honey we are going to get another partial payment

Friday and I will send you as
much money as I can it will
be a couple of months before we
get a regular pay. so don't get
discouraged. We are going to the
philippine Island and it will
take about a month to get there
Honey I will not be able to send
you or the family a christmas
present but I will be thinking
of you allways. I sure have missed
you this last seven day I would
have given any thing to have got
off the train here and meet you
waiting for me but no such luck.

Honey we are sailing Sat. on the
president Hoover so you will
not hear from worldwar2veterans.org till I get
to Honolulu.

So be sweet Honey I will be loving
you and hoping till I see you again
Tell the rest of the family hello
and good luck.

Your loving Hubby
Bill.

Friday afternoon

Dear Honey.

getting ready to sail to-
morrow, took one last shot in
the arm yesterday and getting
a partial pay + a physical today.
this sure is a mad house
here, this coming + going like
a bunch of rats will be glad
when we get off of this Island.

Honey I just got paid \$50⁰⁰
and I am sending you \$40⁰⁰

I will not get a regular pay
til we get to our destination
so if you make some debt.
I will be able to sent you
enough money later to cover it.
So don't worry to much
sweetheart. worldwartwoveterans.org And take care of
your self.

This is sort of rough right
now but it will all come out
O.K. in the end.

So be sweet Burger
Sending lots of love
Bill.

Mrs Etta Biddis
Milford Texas
U. S. A.

Hello honey:

How is everything in the state, Hope you
are getting along fine, and give my love to
the rest of the family.

I am getting along fine it is nice and
warm here the trees are coming out in
bloom, and it hasn't rained very much
for the last two months.

I sure miss those good biscuits that you
use to make.

How is the old wash running by this time
I hope you are getting sum enjoyment out
it.

I took out a 10,000 insurance policy last
week to protect me in my old age Hay Hay
So keep everything a running til we meet
again.

1947
H. B. Love

Bill

William T. Biddison

A. P. O. #2

USAFFE P. I.

Mrs. Etta Biddison
Milford, Texas

Censored
Theodore C. Bryner
Capt. P.C.

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MANILA Philippines

Nov. 21, 1941

Hello Honey

Just arrived here and I am sure glad to get here that was a long boat ride. Well honey how are you getting along by now, I hope you are all right and don't worry too much. I don't know where we will be or where we are going but I will write you as often as I can. This is same place it no place for white man or woman we are suppose to be in quarantine for a weeks and then we are going to move and I am going to send you some cards that we had on the boat and you a frame some of them because they have in good pictures on the covers.

Honey I sure wish that you could have came on the boat with us we could have had a wonderful time together but I guess we can't have every thing we want.

Honey I tell love you and will till love you till I die. but go out and have a good time and enjoy your self. I don't know what are address will be when we leave

here so you can write the same address as
usual and when we get settled I will let you
know. your old boy friend is on this trip
I saw him about every day on the boat but
he didn't have anything to say.

Your preacher friend wanted to know how
you were getting along and he said for me to
send bills for him.

Well that is all and I can think of
at this time I am in charge of quarters
day and every body is in a spin.

Sending love to all the family

Your buddy
Bill

worldwarveterans.org

1901/12/20
Bill

BARKSDALE FIELD SWIMMING POOL

THIS CARD ENTITLES _____
TO USE POOL AT HOURS SPECIFIED

Recommended By _____

HARRY P. JORDAN, Jr.
2nd Lt., Q.M.C.

Signature

1941

Rank

Org.

Approved:

HARRY P. JORDAN,
2nd. Lt. Q.M.C.
Post A. & R. Officer

RULES

1. All bathers will take cleansing bath before entering pool.
2. No articles of food will be carried into bathhouse or pool.
3. Smoking within the pool is prohibited.
4. Persons reported by the surgeon as having, or being a carrier of infectious diseases will not use the pool.
5. Rough play will not be permitted around the pool or bathhouse.
6. This card must be presented to Attendant.

William T. Bellman

Signature of Bearer

NOT TRANSFERABLE

48th MATERIEL SQUADRON
G. H. Q. AIR FORCE



SAVANNAH AIR BASE
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA



BUY
DEFENSE SAVINGS
BONDS AND STAMPS



*Mrs. W. T. Biddison
Melford Texas*

C/o Jim Bearden

48th MATERIEL SQUADRON
AIR FORCE COMBAT COMMAND



SAVANNAH ARMY AIR BASE
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Honey I will be thinking of you all the time. And dream of you every nite so be a good girl and hurry back to your loving husband.

Tell the family hello and that I will be down to see them as soon as I can make the grade.

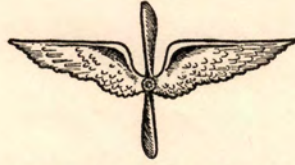
Luke & faye are going to move to the same place they were before, about the first of the mo so you will be back before they move.

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Honey I will close with lots of
love

Bill.

48th MATERIEL SQUADRON
AIR FORCE COMBAT COMMAND



SAVANNAH ARMY AIR BASE
SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

Barbadale Field.
Sept. 23, 1941

Hello Honey:

How is my little tundle dove getting along
I am on charge of quarters today and have
to stay in and tuck the little boys in
bed thro nite. I sure did miss you last
nite honey I woke up about five times
but I couldnd find you. if the car needs
any new spark plugs you might as
well have them put in I guess we will
have enough money to pay for them.

Watch your step coming back because
there will be alot of traffic on the road.

S/S Doe & wife are going to move on
the field. I guess he has run out of money
and he is going to move in with fo. fo. Riley
again if he would of stayed there in the
first place he would have been farther ahead
you know you can't be a big shot with
out the money.

LIFETIME

USED CAR

GUARANTEE

The undersigned Firm, hereinafter called the Dealer, warrants Used Motor

Vehicle (Trade Name) 1 Used '36 Reo Sedan

(Serial Number) Defaced (Engine Number) 6D771

hereinafter called the Vehicle, to (Name) Wm. T. Biddison

hereinafter called the Purchaser, (Address) 6th Air Base

Barksdale Field, LA

while owned by said Wm. T. Biddison and registered in his name

against all repairs to the extent of a 50% reduction on regular labor charges and a 25% reduction on parts from the current list prices established by the manufacturer of the Vehicle, *provided it is delivered to the Dealer's Service Station accompanied by this Warranty. The Purchaser agrees to pay the remainder of said charges in cash or certified check when the work has been completed and before the Vehicle is returned to him.

This Warranty does not apply to Vehicle: (1) As to year, model or mileage; (2) As to tires, radio, heater, glass, accessories, electrical equipment, gasoline gauge or speedometer; (3) If Vehicle is repaired or altered outside in any way of the Dealer's Service Station; (4) If subjected to negligence or accident or in the judgment of the dealer it has been misused. This is the only Warranty on the Vehicle and it is in lieu of all other Warranties, expressed or implied, and of all other obligations or liabilities of the Dealer, who neither assumes nor authorizes any other person to assume any other liability in connection with the Vehicle. The Purchaser accepts this Warranty and agrees that in consideration of its issuance that no claim will be made against the Dealer except as hereinbefore provided.

***Except those items not subject to regular discount.**

By ^{worldwartwoveterans.org} ADDRESS MOTOR CO. INC.

Title W. J. Hester Vice-Pres.

Accepted William T. Biddison
Purchaser.

Date

THIS WARRANTY MUST BE PRESENTED FOR SERVICE



Mrs Otto Biddison
Mcford Texas

C/o J. M. Bearden.





The **FIGHTING MEN** of **LOUISIANA**



① **WILLIAM TALBERT BIDDISON**

S/Sgt., Army Air Corps

Survivor of the Death March of Bataan who met his death two years later in a Japanese prisoner of war camp at Osaka. Sergeant Biddison was the husband of Ora Etta Biddison, 208 Watson Street, Bossier City, and entered the armed service in 1936 in Columbus, Ohio. From 1936 to 1939, Sergeant Biddison was stationed at Honolulu in the Hawaiian Islands. When war broke out in the Pacific, he entered the Army Air Forces at Barksdale Field. Later he was assigned to Savannah Air Base, Ga. Leaving Savannah October 21, 1941, he landed in the Philippines November 21, 1941. He was fighting on Bataan and Corregidor when the American forces met their cruellest and most desperate defeat. This gallant soldier survived the Bataan Death March and other horrors of the darkest days in the Philippines. Sent to a Japanese prison camp at Osaka in 1943, he managed to survive until February 1, 1945. His death was attributed to beriberi and pneumonia. In addition to his wife he is survived by two brothers, Bedford Biddison of Columbus and Emmitt Biddison of San Francisco, and one sister, Mary Biddison, also of San Francisco.

② **JAMES HARVEY MALONE**

Pm.M 3/C, United States Navy

Son of Mrs. Etta Biddison, 208 Watson Street, Bossier City. He was born November 17, 1925, and had just graduated from Milford High School in June, 1943, when he enlisted in the Navy. He attended boot camp and Hospital Corps School in San Diego, Calif., and was assigned to duty as a hospital corpsman at Shoemaker, Calif. On November 20, 1945, he embarked for the island of Guam, returning to the States November 17, 1946. He was assigned to the naval hospital on Guam as a corpsman. On the U. S. S. Starlight, he was with a fleet operating in the waters off Japan, and has the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre of Operations and the American Theatre Ribbons. Returning to the States on the same ship, U. S. S. Starlight, on duty with the Medical Corps, he received his honorable discharge March 11, 1946, at Camp Wallace, Texas. The youthful Pharmacist's Mate spent more than a year as a medical corpsman on the Pacific battle fronts afloat and on Guam, then in the waters off Japan.







WAR DEPARTMENT

JAU

In Reply
Refer to

AG 201 Biddison, William T.
(7-27-42) EB

July 27, 1942

Mr. Belford U. Biddison
92 South Eureka Avenue
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Mr. Biddison:

According to War Department records, you have been designated as the emergency addressee of Staff Sergeant William T. Biddison, 6,660,367, who, according to the latest information available, was serving in the Philippine Islands at the time of the final surrender.

I deeply regret that it is impossible for me to give you more information than is contained in this letter. In the last days before the surrender of Bataan there were casualties which were not reported to the War Department. Conceivably the same is true of the surrender of Corregidor and possibly of other islands of the Philippines. The Japanese Government has indicated its intention of conforming to the terms of the Geneva Convention with respect to the interchange of information regarding prisoners of war. At some future date this Government will receive through Geneva a list of persons who have been taken prisoners of war. Until that time the War Department cannot give you positive information.

The War Department will consider the persons serving in the Philippine Islands as "missing in action" from the date of the surrender of Corregidor, May 7, 1942, until definite information to the contrary is received. It is to be hoped that the Japanese Government will communicate a list of prisoners of war at an early date. At that time you will be notified by this office in the event his name is contained in the list of prisoners of war. In the case of persons known to have been present in the Philippines and who are not reported to be prisoners of war by the Japanese Government, the War Department will continue to carry them as "missing in action," in the absence of information to the contrary, until twelve months have expired. At the expiration of twelve months and in the absence of other information the War Department is authorized to make a final determination.

Recent legislation makes provision to continue the pay and allowances of persons carried in a "missing" status for a period of not to exceed twelve months; to continue, for the duration of the war, the pay and allowances of persons known to have been captured by the enemy; to continue allotments made by missing personnel for a period of twelve months and allotments made by persons held by the enemy during the time they are so held; to make new allotments or increase allotments in force to certain dependents defined in Public Law 490, 77th Congress. The latter dependents generally include the legal wife, dependent children under twenty-one years of age and dependent mother, or such dependents as have been designated in official records. Eligible dependents who can establish a need for financial assistance should be advised to approach their local chapter of the American Red Cross who will assist them in obtaining any benefits to which they may be entitled. In the event dependent, eligible to receive this assistance the amount allotted will be deducted from the credit of the missing individual.

Very truly yours,

Very truly yours,

Major General,
Adjutant General.

The

Worry I sure do miss you
I dreamed about you last
night and you said you got a
good loving so that is the
best I can do until we
meet again. and I hope
it won't be long.

I am sending my love
to you and all the family
be sweet and a good girl
From your loving Bugger
Bill

Send mail to same address



From:
Name

William T Biddison

William T. Biddison

Nationality American

Rank Staff Sergeant

Camp Philippine Military
Prison Camp No. 1.

To: Mrs. Etta Biddison

Milford,

TEXAS:

U. S. A.

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U.S. MAIL
EXAMINED
By 280
REGISTER

200 DES PRISONNIERS DE GUERRE

IMPERIAL JAPANESE ARMY

1. I am interned at The Philippine Military Prison Camp No 1
2. My health is — ~~excellent~~; good; ~~fair~~; poor.
3. I am—uninjured; ~~injured~~.
4. I am — ~~improving~~; not improving; ~~well~~.
5. Please see that _____
_____ is taken care of.
6. (Re: Family); Hope you are all well.
7. Please give my best regards to Etta.

WAR DEPARTMENT
ARMY SERVICE FORCES
OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL
WASHINGTON

22 November 1943

RE: S/Sgt. William T. Biddison
American Prisoner of War
Osaka Camp, Tokyo, Japan
VIA: New York, New York

Mrs. Etta Biddison,
Post Office Box 255,
Milford, Texas.

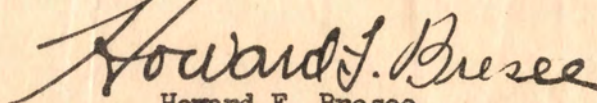
Dear Mrs. Biddison:

The Provost Marshal General has directed me to inform you of the transfer of the above-named prisoner of war to the camp indicated.

You may communicate with him by following the inclosed mailing instructions.

Further information will be forwarded as soon as it is received.

Sincerely yours,



Howard F. Bresee,
Colonel, C.M.P.,

Assistant Director, Prisoners of War Division.

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1 Incl.
Mailing Circular.



PRISONER OF WAR.

POSTAGE PAID



BUY
WAR SAVINGS
BONDS AND STAMPS

S/Sgt WILLIAM. J. Biddison (6660367.)

Form OC-15

RETURNED
TO SENDER
BY CENSOR

MRS. E. H. A. Biddison.
BOSSIER-CITY. LA.
P. O. BOX 47

I Love you

Bossier City La
P.O. Box 411
Oct 5 - 1943.

Hear little Hubby.
How is my darling this beautiful
day. I am fine at work now.
Had to write you again because
I guess you know what this
one day means to you and
I. It is our Wedding Anniversary
3 years. Altho we haven't been
together much but it isn't our
fault. I still love you more
and more ever day, and long
for the day when we will be
happy together again. Honey there
will never be any one else
take your place, I am yours
now always and forever. I love
you. All the family is O.K.
Sends Love & regards. Darling
take care of yourself Bugger
for me as I am always think-
ing of you. Happy Anniversary
always your Darling Wife Etta.
Love & Kisses Etta.

COUNTY OF DELTA
J. THEODORE OHLEN, COUNTY CLERK

MARY CONSTANTINEAU, DEPUTY
ESCANABA, MICHIGAN

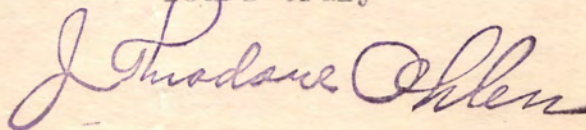
Feb. 3, 1943

Michigan Department of Health
Bureau of Records & Statistics
Lansing, Michigan

Gentlemen:

There is no record here of the record of birth of
one William Talbert Biddison. I am therefore complying
with their request and mailing their request on to you.

Yours truly



County Clerk

JTO:MC
Enc.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs. Etta Biddison

Milford , Texas

Box 255



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Mrs. Etta Biddison

Milford , Texas

Box 255

Waxahachie, Texas
May 27, 1943

Dear Mrs. Biddison:

Please come into our office when it is
convient for you to come. We want to be of
help and anything we can do please feel free
to call on us.

Yours truly

FORRESTER HANCOCK
Chairman, Home Service
Waxahachie Chapter-American Red Cross
WAXAHACHIE, TEXAS

JUGANJI

15 Tanimachi 8-chome,
Minamiku, Osaka, Japan



Mr. Etta Biddison
Wiford, Texas. U. S. A.

Seal

Mr. Shinkai Yamaguchi
(Juganji - Temple)
No. 15, 8 - chome Tanimachi
Minami - ku, Osaka, Japan

俘虜郵便

To: Ms Etta Baddison

Bossier City La

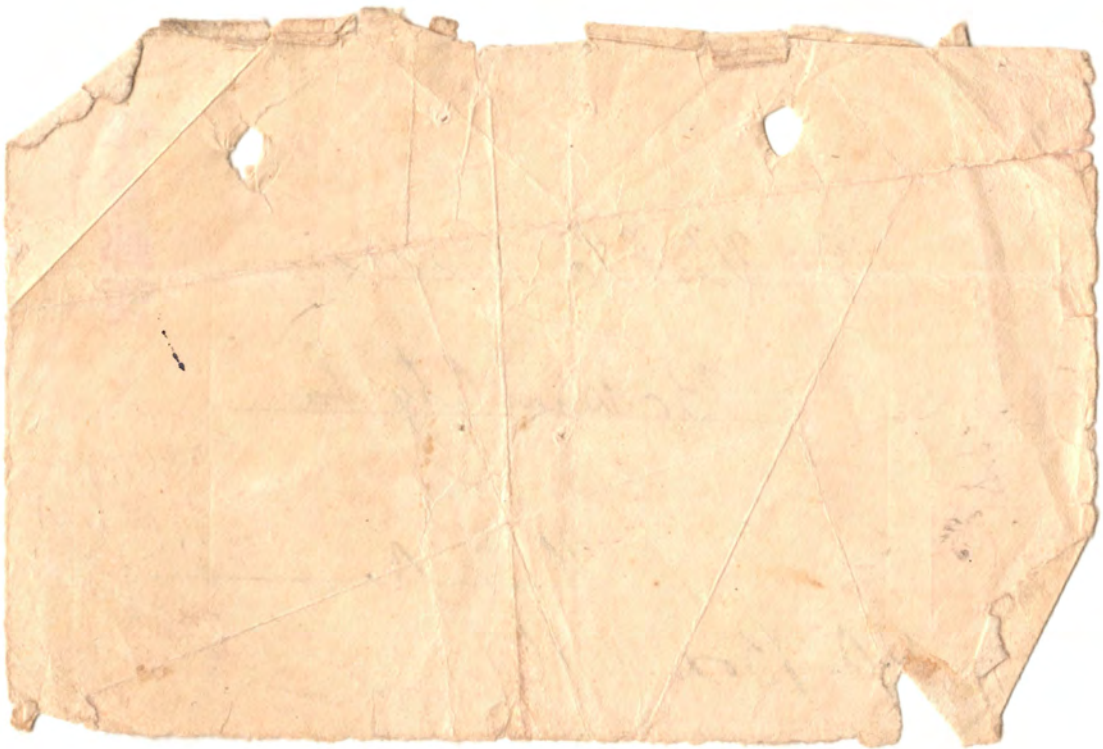
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P.O. Box 411

SOLDIER'S
LETTER

大阪俘虜收容所檢閲濟







ARMY SERVICE FORCES
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

SPMGG

March, 1945.

To the Next of Kin
of American Prisoners of War
in the Hands of the Enemy.

Dear Next of Kin:

The recent glorious successes of Allied Armies which resulted in the release of thousands of Americans interned in the Philippines and a lesser though equally important number in Europe have swamped the Provost Marshal General's Office with inquiries and the pleasurable task of informing next of kin that their loved ones have been returned to Allied control. Every attempt is being made to inform you at the earliest possible date and at the same time to assure the best possible treatment for those less fortunate individuals still in enemy hands.

All persons in the Provost Marshal General's Office and in the War Department, including those in Washington and those in the field, who have anything to do with the prisoner of war program have constantly in mind one dominating thought, and that thought is to do everything humanly possible to insure that our own people in the hands of the enemy have all of the benefits of the Geneva Convention which it is possible for us to get for them, and to insure in every way possible their early return to their homes in this country in the best possible condition. To accomplish this we are ever on the alert to avoid anything which will give the enemy an excuse for failing to give to our men everything to which they are entitled or cause the enemy to do anything which would interfere in any way with their return to their homes in the best possible condition.

There have been many comments on the radio, in the press, and by persons in the street to the effect that American treatment of German prisoners of war has been "soft." That is untrue. American treatment has been firm and fair.

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A careful reading of the provisions of the Geneva Convention and a comparison of the treatment given prisoners of war in the United States with the provisions of that Convention will show that the War Department has followed a policy of giving to German prisoners of war exactly what they are entitled to under the Convention but no more.

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The War Department believes it essential to pursue a program that will protect the Americans in enemy hands and eventually bring them safely back to the homes they have so gallantly defended. The necessity for such a policy was recognized by the House Military Affairs Committee, which, following an investigation which failed to substantiate any of the numerous coddling rumors, reported as follows:

"The provisions of the Geneva Convention of 1929 are obviously being carried out to the letter and it is well indeed that such is the case, since the slightest deviation therefrom on our part would instantly result in more than retaliatory measures on the part of our enemies against American prisoners of war in their hands. Such a contingency must not be overlooked for a single instant."

The War Department intends to continue adhering to the Geneva Convention regardless of criticism not only because under Article 6 of the Constitution of the United States, treaties such as the Geneva Convention constitute part of the supreme law of the land and the War Department has no choice but to carry out the supreme law of the land, but also because we are convinced that it is paying dividends in the saving of lives and the preservation of health among our own men in the hands of the enemy.

In the Washington Star of February 13, 1945 appeared an article by Victor O. Jones, North American Newspaper Alliance, date lined "Somewhere in Holland" and headed "Pampering of Nazi Prisoners may be Saving American Lives." In referring to German prisoners of war, he said:

"We asked all the prisoners whether they had been afraid of mistreatment after capture. They all said their officers had told them they'd be shot or tortured, but that they hadn't believed it because they had had letters from captured comrades who told them British and American treatment of prisoners was excellent.

"It may burn you up to hear that German prisoners are getting cigarettes when you can't, but it's not a big price to pay when you can get guys like these to come out of strong bunkers without firing a shot. After the 9th Army troops took Bruchelen without resistance they were surprised by the strength of some of its fortifications. The main body of Germans had retired, but a die-hard rear guard had been left behind with instructions to fight to the last bullet. If they'd done so our casualties might have been much heavier than they were. From that point of view, our policy of living up to the Geneva Convention is smart tactics, even without considering other angles." (Underscoring supplied).

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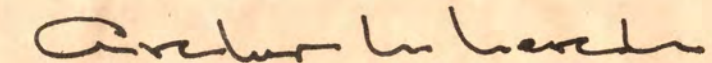
It is hardly necessary to explain to next of kin of American prisoners of war held by the Germans what an outstanding job the Red Cross is doing in getting food and medicine to our people. In the Sunday Star, Washington, D.C., February 18, 1945, under the heading, "Red Cross Sends Food to U.S. Prisoners in Germany via Sweden", Mr. Maurice Pate of The American Red Cross said:

"The greatest single factor which gives us strength in getting relief and maintaining regular communication with our prisoner kin is the scrupulous attitude of the American Army in fulfilling the Treaty of Geneva toward enemy prisoners. Some have lightly called this policy of our Army "mollycoddling." The truth is that the Army has maintained the highest discipline in handling enemy prisoners. It treats these men strictly but fairly and has obtained from them millions of valuable man-work hours."

In the article to which I have just referred, Mr. Pate also stated that the American prisoners receiving regular Red Cross food packages eat better and have more tobacco than the Germans who are guarding them. He also stated that thus far the American prisoner with his Red Cross and private parcels eats as well as, or better than the average German civilian. Our information indicates that American prisoners receive between 1800 and 2000 calories of food per day from the Germans. Apparently that is not true of French and Russian prisoners. A recent statement in the New York Times was to the effect that French and Russian prisoners in Germany are not treated in accordance with the provisions of the Geneva Convention, and have been reduced to eating rats. The value of strict adherence to the Geneva Convention is apparent.

The Provost Marshal General handles for the War Department matters concerning American prisoners of war in the hands of the enemy and also concerning enemy prisoners of war in our hands. The purpose of this letter is to point out to you as next of kin the close relationship existing between our strict adherence to the terms of the Geneva Convention and the health and lives of our people in the hands of the enemy. We feel that when these facts are better known to the American public there will be less criticism of the War Department's adherence to the provisions of the Geneva Convention.

Sincerely yours,



Archer L. Lerch,
Major General, U.S.A.,
The Provost Marshal General.

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MRS ETTA BIDDISON=

208 WATSON ST BOSSIER CITY LA:

RETEL HUSBAND S/SGT WILLIAM T BIDDISON ASN 6660367 WAR DEPARTMENT / STATE HIS NAME APPEARS ON RECORD HERE AS HAVING DIED FEBRUARY 1945 IN JAP PRISON SUGGEST YOU FORWARD LETTER YOU RECEIVED RECENTLY FROM HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND WILL MAKE THOROUGH INVESTIGATION OF MATTER=

OVERTON BROOKS MC.

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This was sent home in his wallet



This was sent home in his wallet



HEADQUARTERS ARMY SERVICE FORCES

OFFICE OF THE PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



9 March 1945

Mrs. Etta Biddison
Box 411
Bossier City, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Biddison:

The Provost Marshal General has directed me to reply to your letter of 9 February 1945, regarding your husband, Staff Sergeant William T. Biddison.

This office sincerely regrets that it is unable to grant your request for a label to send a package to the Orient at this time. A committee composed of representatives of the State Department, Red Cross, Foreign Economic Administration, Navy Department, Post Office Department, Bureau of Censorship, and The Provost Marshal General's Office, has been making every effort possible to complete arrangements whereby packages may be sent to United States prisoners of war interned by Japan. That Government has continually refused to grant safe conduct of non-Japanese vessels within Japanese waters, carrying relief supplies to prisoners of war, and has refused to send its vessels to any neutral area to pick up such supplies.

Please be assured that the Provost Marshal General is exercising the full influence of his office to assist the committee in the solution of this problem. If and when arrangements are completed, a package permit will be forwarded.

Please be assured that ^{worldwartwoveterans.org} when anything further is learned of your husband you will be notified immediately.

Sincerely yours

Howard F. Bresee

HOWARD F. BRESEE
Colonel, CMP
Director, American Prisoner of War
Information Bureau



The main of the Jūganji Temple where the ashes had been enshrined and served by Rev. Shinkai Yamaguchi.



This is a picture when soldier's ashes were delivered to G. H. Q. in October 1945. (photo by Osaka Asahi Press)

1st Ind.
Hosp Liaison Office, Letterman General Hospital, San
Francisco, Calif., 25 March 1946.

AAFPDC Hosp Liaison Office, Bruns Gen Hosp, Santa Fe, N. Mex.

In compliance with basic communication, listed below are
names of personnel attached to the 48th Materiel Squadron, and
their permanent addresses:

Sgt. William J. Allen, 6970907
517 E. 39th St.
Savannah, Ga.

1st Lt. Warren C. Baggett, O-268018
712 S. Church St.
E. Point, Ga.

T/Sgt. Robert A. Baltzer, 7030108
701 E. Loomin
Ludington, Michigan

Pvt. Kenneth Calvit, 14014923
Jackson St.
Alexandria, La.

Cpl Marshall Cole, 11016184
Bennington College, Vermont

ALFRED H. CORRY,
Capt, AC
AAFPDC Liaison Officer.

Dear Mrs. Biddison,

I have been able to locate the above 5 men of the 48th
Materiel Squadron and am sending them letters like the one
I am enclosing.

If any of them could should send you the certificates you
need I would appreciate your writing and telling me about it.

Do you know that if you have the letter in which Bill told
you about the insurance, you can take that to the Army and it
will be proof of his having done it.

Major Seid

Major Seid

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO:

AGPC-O 201 Biddison, William T.
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1 April 1946

• Mrs. Etta Biddison
Post Office Box 411
Bossier, Louisiana

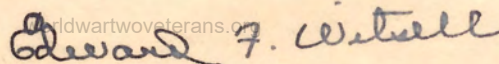
Dear Mrs. Biddison:

I am writing to you concerning your husband, Staff Sergeant William T. Biddison, 6660367.

I wish to advise you that additional information has now been received which discloses that Sergeant Biddison died on 1 February 1945 in the Osaka Prisoner of War Camp, in Japan, as a result of bronchitis, instead of beri beri and influenza, as you were previously informed. The War Department regrets exceedingly the delay in furnishing you the cause of your husband's death.

You have my heartfelt sympathy in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

Edward F. Witsell

EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General
The Adjutant General of the Army





VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

~~WASHINGTON DC~~
2 Park Avenue
New York 16, New York
February 26, 1946

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO: MBAB

Mrs. Etta Biddison
208 Watson Street
Bossier City, Louisiana

BIDDISON, William T.
XC-6,089,387

Dear Madam:

The Veterans Administration has learned with regret of the death of the above-named veteran.

Under existing laws you may be entitled to a pension, and there is enclosed a blank form for your use. If you desire to file a claim, the enclosed form should be carefully filled out in accordance with the instructions printed thereon and returned to the Veterans Administration, ~~Washington 25, D.C.~~. Should you feel the need of assistance in the preparation of your claim you may write to the Veterans Administration, ~~Washington 25, D.C.~~, or contact any Veterans Administration Facility.

Any pension benefits payable will be in addition to any Government life insurance benefits to which you may be entitled, for which reason a separate claim for pension must be filed. You may be assured that upon receipt of the claim it will be given careful consideration and you will be informed of any additional evidence which may be required.

All correspondence relative to this case should be addressed to this office, and should show the veteran's name and XC-number given above, to permit prompt identification.

Respectfully,

R. J. HINTON,
Director,
Dependents Claims Service.

Enc. Form 534

SHREVEPORT 4, LOUISIANA

March 8, 1946

8-BECA

SSRpCD

Director of Insurance,
Veterans Administration,
Washington 25, D. C.

BIDDISON, William T.
XC-6 089 387

Dear Sir:

There is submitted the following Forms in connection with claim of Mrs. Etta Biddison, P. O. Box 411, Bossier City, Louisiana, widow of the above named deceased veteran:

Veterans Administration Insurance Form 1501.
Veterans Administration Insurance Form 355.
Affidavit as to error on Marriage License and
Death Certificate of name of widow's former husband.
Copy of Marriage License of widow to her former husband.
Copy of Death Certificate of widow's former husband.
Statement of M. D. Hargrove, M. D. on disability of son
over eighteen years of age for which pension is claimed.
Copy of Certificate of Birth of Marvin Lovette Malone.
Copy of Certificate of Birth of Truette Carlisle Malone.
Copy of Marriage License of Mrs. Etta Malone to William T.
Biddison.
Copy of Certificate of Birth of deceased veteran.

Very truly yours,

T. S. Bloodworth

THOMAS S. BLOODWORTH,
Manager, Sub-Regional Office.

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cc: Mrs. Etta Biddison,
P. O. Box 411,
Bossier City, Louisiana



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

2 PARK AVENUE

NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

March 1st 1946



Mrs. Etta Biddison
Milford, Texas

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO: 8-RECA

XC- 6 089 387

BIDDISON, William T.

Dear Madam:

You were named beneficiary for \$ 10,000.00 of the National Service Life Insurance issued to above-captioned insured which is payable monthly in an amount based on your age on the date of the insured's death. It is desired to settle this insurance as soon as possible. Your prompt submission of the following evidence is requested:

1. Your claim on enclosed Form 355.
2. Your election of mode of payment on the enclosed Form 1501. Complete information as to mode of payment will be obtained by a careful reading of the form.
3. Certified copy of public or church record of your marriage to the insured. (If either you or the insured was previously married, it will be necessary to file certified copy of court decree of divorce or annulment, or certified copy of public record of death of the deceased spouse of such former marriage.)
4. Certified copy of public record of your birth or church record of your baptism. (Church record must show date of birth of claimant.) (Certified copies of public records must bear signature and seal of legal custodian of such records.)

If public or church record of your birth or baptism cannot be furnished, the following may be submitted:

- (a) An affidavit by physician or midwife in attendance at birth; or
- (b) Affidavits of two persons, preferably disinterested, who should state their ages and addresses, the name, date, and place of your birth, names of your parents, and the source of their information.

(The insured did not designate a contingent beneficiary)

If evidence to prove relationship and age requested in Pars. 3 and 4, or any of the alternatives in (a) and (b), is not readily available, your own statements as to relationship and age on properly executed claim, Form 355, will be accepted tentatively subject to later submission of the further required evidence as soon as practicable, but it is to be understood that unless the necessary supporting evidence is furnished within a reasonable period, payments may be suspended until the receipt of such confirmatory evidence.

If any of the evidence referred to above has been or is being submitted to the Veterans Administration in support of pension or other claim it will be unnecessary to submit it in connection with this claim.

Please see reverse side.

Enc.
Form 355
Form 1501

Very truly yours,

F. B. Simms
H. L. McCoy
F. B. SIMMS

Chief, Life Insurance Claims Division
Director of Insurance

Ins. Form 1500a
Rev. June 1945

IMPORTANT
All correspondence on this case should bear the XC number and insured's full name shown above.

Although complete report of premium status has not been received, the forms are forwarded to **avoid** delay and to expedite settlement on the assumption that all premiums have been paid.

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Bruns Hospital
Santa Fe, N.M.



Mrs. Wm. T. Biddison
P.O. Box 411
Bossier City
Louisiana



ARMY SERVICE FORCES
EIGHTH SERVICE COMMAND
BROOKE HOSPITAL CENTER
BROOKE GENERAL HOSPITAL
FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS
BROOKE ARMY MEDICAL CENTER
AAF HOSPITAL LIAISON OFFICE

8 March 1946

Major Sidney E. Seid
c/o AAF Liaison Office
Bruns General Hospital
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Major Seid:

I received your letter requesting information concerning S/Sgt William T. Biddison. According to our records here the only man from the 48th Materiel Squadron who has been in this hospital is S/Sgt Francis D. Lane. Sgt Lane is no longer here in the hospital but is home on TDY. I have written Sgt Lane requesting that he send me any information he might have regarding names and addresses of officers formerly in 48th Materiel Squadron. I will forward to you whatever information I can obtain from Sgt Lane.

I trust you made out okay in your refresher course you were taking while here in Texas, and that you and all your family are well at the present time.

Sincerely yours,

VINCENT R. FAULDS
Capt, AC
APPDC Hospital Liaison Officer

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Mrs Biddison -

*I am sending this a to you
in case you are wondering how
we are getting along. - I also have
written to Letterman General Hosp.
trying to find some more people from
the 48th Materiel Squadron
Seid*

Gen. J. M. Wainwright
General J. M. Wainwright, USA, O-2131

HEADQUARTERS FOURTH ARMY

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL

FORT SAM HOUSTON, TEXAS



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Mrs. Etta Biddison
208 Watson Street
Bossier City, Louisiana

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11 July 1947

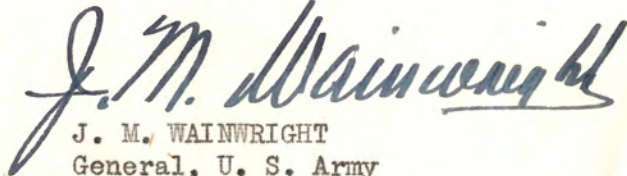
Mrs. Etta Biddison
208 Watson Street
Bossier City, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Biddison:

Your recent letter to me regarding your late husband, Staff Sergeant William T. Biddison, has been received, and I regret that I did not know your husband and that I cannot furnish you with any definite information concerning your problem. I would suggest, however, that you contact The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C., for any information that they might have regarding your husband's records.

Regretting that I cannot assist you further, I am

Sincerely yours,



J. M. WAINWRIGHT
General, U. S. Army
Commanding



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

4 May 1950

IN REPLY REFER TO

S/Sgt William T. Biddison, ASN 6 660 367
Plot E, Row 3, Grave 23
Cremated Remains
Headstone: Cross
Ft. McKinley U. S. Military Cemetery
(Manila, Philippine Islands)

Mrs. Ora E. Biddison
208 Watson Street
Bossier City, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Biddison:

This is to inform you that the remains of your loved one have been permanently interred, as recorded above, side by side with comrades who also gave their lives for their country. Customary military funeral services were conducted over the grave at the time of burial.

After the Department of the Army has completed all final interments, the cemetery will be transferred, as authorized by the Congress, to the care and supervision of the American Battle Monuments Commission. The Commission also will have the responsibility for permanent construction and beautification of the cemetery, including erection of the permanent headstone. The headstone will be inscribed with the name exactly as recorded above, the rank or rating where appropriate, organization, State, and date of death. Any inquiries relative to the type of headstone or the spelling of the name to be inscribed thereon, should be addressed to the American Battle Monuments Commission, Washington 25, D. C. Your letter should include the full name, rank, serial number, grave location, and name of the cemetery.

While interments are in progress, the cemetery will not be open to visitors. You may rest assured that this final interment was conducted with fitting dignity and solemnity and that the grave-site will be carefully and conscientiously maintained in perpetuity by the United States Government.

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Sincerely yours,

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H. FELDMAN
Major General, USA
The Quartermaster General



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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

OFFICIAL STATEMENT of the MILITARY SERVICE and DEATH
of

WILLIAM T. BIDDISON
Service Number 6 660 367-

The official records show that William T. Biddison, service number 6 660 367, was enlisted and entered on active duty in the Regular Army on 6 October 1935 at Fort Hayes, Columbus, Ohio, at which time he gave his home address as 172 South Ohio Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, and was honorably discharged a Private First Class on 5 October 1938 at Luke Field, Territory of Hawaii by reason of expiration term of service. He reenlisted 6 October 1938 at Luke Field and was honorably discharged a Private on 31 October 1939 at Barksdale Field, Louisiana for the convenience of the Government to reenlist. He reenlisted 1 November 1939 at Barksdale Field and died 1 February 1945 in a prisoner of war camp in Japan, at which time he held the grade of Staff Sergeant and was formerly a member of the 48th Material Squadron, 35th Air Base Group. He served outside the continental limits of the United States from 10 October 1935 to 21 April 1939 and from 1 November 1941 to 1 February 1945.

This official statement furnished 4 April 1950 to Mrs. Etta B. Biddison, widow, 208 Watson Street, Bossier City, Louisiana.

BY AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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EDWARD F. WITSELL
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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**OHIO WORLD WAR
COMPENSATION APPLIED**

This official statement furnished 4 April 1950 to Mrs. Biddison, widow, 308 Watson Street, Boston City, Louisiana.

EDWARD P. MITCHELL
Major General
The Adjutant General



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO

11 April 1950

S/Sgt. William T. Biddison ASN 6660367
Plot E, Row 3, Grave 23
Headstone: Cross
Ft. McKinley U. S. Military Cemetery
(Manila, Phillipine Islands)

Mrs. Ora E. Biddison
208 Watson Street
Bossier City, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Biddison:

This is to inform you that the remains of your loved one have been cremated at your request and permanently interred, as recorded above, side by side with comrades who also gave their lives for their country. Customary military funeral services were conducted over the grave at the time of burial.

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H. FELDMAN
Major General, USA
The Quartermaster General



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

March 20, 1950

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO: 8BC

XC-6,089,387
BIDDISON, William T.

• Mrs. Etta Biddison
208 Watson Street
Bossier City, Louisiana

Dear Mrs. Biddison:

This will acknowledge receipt of the following documents relative to the case of the deceased veteran:

Your letter of recent date, regarding State Bonus, forwarded to this office by letter of March 3, 1950, from the Veterans Administration District Office, New York, New York.

These documents are being forwarded for appropriate action to the office of the Veterans Administration shown below, which office has jurisdiction over the veteran's case:

Veterans Administration District Office
1114 Commerce Street
Dallas 2, Texas

Any further correspondence relative to this case should be addressed to that office, and should show the veteran's name and XC-number given above.

Very truly yours,

R. J. HINTON,
Director,
Dependents and Beneficiaries
Claims Service.

FL 8-50
May 1946
(Replaces Form 549)

Give veteran's name and file number, whether serial number should be given.



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
OFFICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO
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Biddison, William T.
ASN 6 660 367

4 May 1950

Mrs. Ora E. Biddison
208 Watson Street
Bossier City, Louisiana

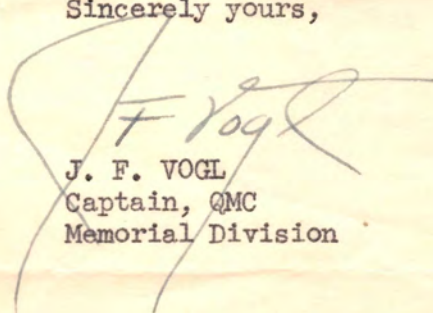
Dear Mrs. Biddison:

May I refer to our letter informing you of the final interment of your husband, the late Staff Sergeant William T. Biddison.

I am greatly disturbed to find that in paragraph one of our letter you were advised that your loved one's remains were cremated at your request, and wish to inform you that his remains were cremated by the Japanese. Inclosed herewith is a corrected copy of the final grave location letter.

It is of the utmost concern that correspondence to the families of our honored dead be absolutely accurate and it is sincerely regretted that this error was made.

Sincerely yours,


J. F. VOGL
Captain, QMC
Memorial Division

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VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
DISTRICT OFFICE
346 BROADWAY
NEW YORK 13, N. Y.

March 3, 1950

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO: NY3BKB

Mrs. Etta Biddison
208 Watson St.,
Bossier City, La.

BIDDISON, William T.
XC 689 387

Dear Madam:

This will acknowledge receipt of letter of recent date
regarding the above-captioned deceased veteran.

This matter has been referred to the office indicated below to which
all future correspondence relative thereto should be addressed:

Veterans Administration
Central Office
Washington 25, D. C.

Very truly yours,


worldwarveterans.org

MAX GARCHIK
Chief, Administrative Division

FL 3-12
Aug 1949

or concerning an ex-service man or woman should, if possible, give veteran's name and file number, whether
C, XC, K, N, or V. If such file number is unknown, service or serial number should be given.

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CERTIFICATE No. 10755-LA-S

DATE ISSUED June 22, 1950

UNREMARIED WIDOW
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

NAME OF VETERAN: Etta B. Biddison

SERIAL No. XC 6 089 387

ARMY NAVY MARINE CORPS COAST GUARD

DATE OF BIRTH April 24, 1908

IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE BENEFITS OF TITLE III OF THE SERVICEMEN'S READJUSTMENT ACT OF 1944, AS AMENDED, PUBLIC LAW 268, 79TH CONGRESS.

THE AMOUNT OF AVAILABLE GUARANTY BENEFIT FOR THE GUARANTY OR INSURANCE OF A LOAN, IF ANY, SHOWN ON THE REVERSE HEREOF, IS EITHER THE AMOUNT RESERVED FOR A PARTICULAR LOAN OR LOANS IDENTIFIED BY THE NUMBER SHOWN OR IS THE AMOUNT NOT USED WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE LOANS WHEN RESERVED.

THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE COUNTERSIGNED BY THE VETERAN IDENTIFIED HEREIN BEFORE THE CERTIFICATE MAY BE USED IN APPLYING FOR THE ABOVE CITED BENEFITS. SIGNATURE OF THE VETERAN MUST BE THE SAME AS THAT TO BE SIGNED ON A NOTE OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF AN OBLIGATION TO BE GUARANTEED OR INSURED BY THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION.

ADMINISTRATOR OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

L. Venable T. Smith
SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED AGENT

SIGNATURE OF VETERAN

DATE OF VETERAN'S SIGNATURE

Shreveport, Louisiana

ISSUING OFFICE

IF NO USE OR RESERVATION IS SHOWN ABOVE THE VETERAN NAME IS ELIGIBLE FOR A HOME LOAN GUARANTY OF GOV. NOT TO EXCEED AS PROVIDED IN SECTION 501(B) OF THE LAW.

FOR USE OF THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (ONLY)

LOAN NUMBER	DATE	INITIAL OF VA AGENT	GUARANTY			
			USED OR RESERVED		NOT RESERVED	
			R. E.*	N.-R. E.**	R. E.* (OR)	N.-R. E.**
	8-1-50	L	\$ NONE	\$ NONE	\$ 4,000.00 (OR)	\$ 2,000.00
					(OR)	
					(OR)	
					(OR)	

"Eligibility of the widow and the validity of guaranty or insurance entitlement hereby evidenced will be null and void if any change in the widow's marital status occurs subsequent to the date of this certificate and prior to the date a loan to the widow is closed, unless the lender making the loan was not aware of any change in the marital status of the widow and obtained on the date the loan was closed an affidavit from the widow in the form prescribed by the Administrator."

*R. E.—REAL ESTATE
 **N.-R. E.—NON-REAL ESTATE

1. Agency and organizational designations
VETERANS ADMINISTRATION 4066 8126 vs 7/21/51

2. Pay roll period

3. Block No.

4. Slip No.

5. Employee's name

ORA B. BIDDISON

6. Grade and salary

GS-1 2200

PAY ROLL CHANGE DATA

U1 110.50

	BASE PAY	OVERTIME	GROSS PAY	RET.	TAX <u>1</u>	BOND	QS&L	OTHER FICA	NET PAY
7. Previous normal	81.54		81.54		10.00	9.38		1.22	60.94 ✓
8. New normal	84.62		84.62		10.70	--	4.25	1.27	68.40 72.65 ✓
9. Pay this period	84.62		84.62		10.70	9.33		1.27	63.32 ✓

10. Remarks:

Prom (Indef) from CPC-2 effm 7/8/51
 JA dtd 7/6/51 From sub-block 1-d.
 Sub eff 7/22/51. From MPQ.
 Bond allotment canc eff 7/21/51. Ded
 this prd evened to purchase price of
 bond.

11. Appropriation(s)

12. Prepared by

G

13. Audited by

ead

Periodic step-increase.

Pay adjustment.

Other step-increase

14. Effective date

15. Date last equivalent increase

16. Old salary rate

17. New salary rate

18. (a) Efficiency rating is good or better than good and service and conduct requirements certified:

19. Suspense date

(b)

(SIGNATURE OR OTHER AUTHENTICATION)

20. LWOP data (Fill in appropriate spaces covering LWOP during following periods):

Period(s):

(Check applicable box in case of excess LWOP)

- In pay status at end of waiting period.
 In LWOP status at end of waiting period.

No excess LWOP. Total excess LWOP _____

Initials of Clerk

STANDARD FORM NO. 1126a—Revised
 Form prescribed by Comp. Gen., U. S.
 Feb. 3, 1950, General Regulations No. 102

PAY ROLL CHANGE SLIP—EMPLOYEE'S COPY

STANDARD FORM NO. 1018 - Revised
 Form created by Comp. Gen., U. S.
 Dept. of General Regulations No. 102

PAY ROLL CHANGE 22B - EMPLOYER'S COPY

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1. Agency and organizational designation
 VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
 2. Employee's name
 CRA B. BLUDICH
 3. Grade and salary
 GS-1 2500
 4. Pay roll period
 1/21/52

10. Remarks
 From (Index) from 01-2 2/1/51
 to 2/1/52 from sub-block 1-1
 some of 1/21/51
 bond amount came off 1/21/51. Had
 this paid evened to purchase price of
 bond.

11. Approved by
 12. Proposed by

13. Audited by

14. Effective date
 15. Date last adjustment increase
 16. Old salary rate
 17. New salary rate
 18. (a) Difference rating is good or better than good and service and conduct requirements certified;
 (b) Other step increase
 (c) Pay adjustment
 (d) Periodic step increase

19. Disposition date
 20. LWOP data (Fill in appropriate spaces covering LWOP during following periods)
 in LWOP status at end of waiting period
 in pay status at end of waiting period
 (Check appropriate box in case of excess LWOP)
 (SIGNATURE OR OTHER AUTHENTICATION)

1. Previous normal
 2. New normal
 3. Pay this period

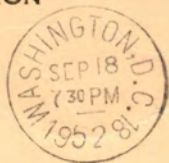
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PAY ROLL CHANGE DATA
 11.00 11.00

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



PENALTY FOR PRIVATE USE TO AVOID
PAYMENT OF POSTAGE, \$300
(GPO)

Mrs. Etta B. Stokes

P. O. Box 5411

Bossier City, La.

Claim No. _____

86383

Date _____

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION
RECEIVED

The War Claims Commission is in receipt of your application for compensation for forced labor and/or inhumane treatment as a prisoner of war.

If you change your mailing address, please notify this office of your new address promptly in writing and signed by you.

All correspondence relative to your case should bear your claim number.

War Claims Commission,
Washington 25, D. C.

*I for got to
give this to
you*

JUGANJI
15 Tanimachi 8-chome,
Minamiku, Osaka, Japan

August 25, 1955

Dear Sir,

May I, Rev. Shinkai Yamaguchi, take the liberty of introducing myself to you as the chief priest of a Buddhist temple "Juganji" in Osaka, Japan a position that I have held for more than 14 years.

It is my great honour to inform you that since July 1942 at my temple I have been taking care of the ashes of persons who were prisoners of war from Australia, Canada, England, India, Italy, Netherland, Norway and the U.S.A., and had died in Japan during the last world war. On October 20 1954 the ashes of 1,086 persons were duly delivered to the authorized Army officers of the Allied Forces in Japan.

It is the Japanese buddhists' custom to cremate the dead and to keep their ashes at the temple before they are buried. Accordingly these ashes were also kept on an altar in the main building of my temple. Until this date I have been holding Buddhist Divine Services every day, praying for the repose of their souls, and I will keep on doing so till the last day of my life.

I should like to inform you that Mr. W.T. Biddison was among these 1,086 persons. According to the Buddhist doctrine, I have also been holding an annual Memorial service every year to pray for their peaceful life in Heaven and through the prayer I heartly have been hoping to promote true peace throughout all the world as Buddha's blessing.

It is already ten years since the end of the war and it seems like the world is becoming more peaceful. But do you believe the world has become really peaceful? No! We cannot be very well satisfied with the present situation in the world.

If war breaks out again, I am very sure, there will be many who will suffer very seriously from deep sorrow and loneliness just as you have in the past.

I feel really sorry about this and believe that we all should consider the matter seriously and do our best to prevent the next war by all means. Let us pray unanimously, to God and Buddha, for a real world peace.

With these thoughts in mind, people in Osaka who heartly want real world peace will meet together at my temple on October 20, 1955 to hold an Annual Memorial Service for 1,098 people. At 2 p.m., we will all pray to God and Buddha for the peaceful life of Mr. W.T. Biddison for real world peace, and for no more war in the future.

Though we are living in countries very far away across the sea and land, and races differ from each other, let us pray at 2 p.m., on October 20, 1955 for the same and sacred object, that is to keep real world peace and happiness for all the people of the world.

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I have dared to send this letter to you because I sincerely hope that you will join us and pray for this very solemn and sacred cause.

As I will hold the annual memorial service on October 20 at my temple every year in future, and pray for world peace and for repose of their souls at 2 p.m., I also hope that wherever you may be at that moment, you will pray for the real peace of the world and for them.

If you could spare any photograph or a snapshot of Mr. W.T. Biddison, I would appreciate very much receiving one from you, so as to enable me to enshrine them forever at my temple. And the collection of these photographs will surely encourage the people in Japan who really have been looking for world peace.

To close this letter, I sincerely hope that you are all very well and happy at home, and that we will be good friends and can exchange communications in future.

Cordially yours,

Shinkai Yamaguchi
Shinkai Yamaguchi
Chief Priest
Juganji Temple

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION
REGIONAL OFFICE
1400 North Valley Mills Drive
Waco, Texas 76710



Date: January 22, 1973

In Reply
Refer to: 349/211B
XC 6 089 387
BIDDISON, William T.

Mrs. Ora E. Biddison
P. O. Box 351
Milford, Texas 76670

IMPORTANT
Read the back of this letter

Please furnish the evidence described below as soon as possible so that further action may be taken on the claim for benefits.

The enclosed VA Form 21-686c, Declaration of Marital Status, completed to show all marriages, and where, when, and how each was dissolved. (Our records show you have been married three times.)

Your certified statement on the enclosed VA Form 21-4138 indicating whether you or your children have ever filed an application or received Veterans Administration benefits as the wife, widow, or child of any other veteran. If you have, please furnish the veteran's name, claim number, and the name of the office where his claims folder is located.

If you are now eligible for benefits based on the death of more than one spouse, it will be necessary that you make an election to receive benefits as the widow of one spouse.

This evidence should be submitted as soon as possible, preferably within 60 days and in any case it must be received in the Veterans Administration within one year from the date of this letter; otherwise, benefits, if entitlement is established, may not be paid prior to the date of its receipt.

J. E. HarriSS
J. E. HARRISS
Adjudication Officer

FL 21-117
MAY 1971(R)

Show veteran's full name, VA file number, and social security number on all correspondence.

Where evidence is required to establish death, birth, marriage, etc., the proof outlined below should be submitted.

1. Death. A copy of the public record of death certified by the custodian of such records, or a duly certified copy of a coroner's report of death, or a verdict of a coroner's jury.

2. Birth. A copy of the public record of birth or the church record of baptism showing the name of the child, the date of birth and the names of the parents, certified by the custodian of such records. If neither of these records exists it is not necessary to establish one for the purpose of this claim; instead, submit the affidavit of the physician or midwife in attendance at birth, or the affidavits of two or more persons, preferably disinterested, who should state the name, date and place of birth of the person concerning whom the affidavit is made and the names of the parents of such person. If establishing birth of a legally adopted child, a copy of the court order of adoption certified by the custodian of such record should be furnished.

3. Marriage. A copy of the public or church record of marriage certified by the custodian of such records. (The church record of marriage should show the names of the parties to the marriage, their prior marital status, if available, the date of marriage, the name of the person who performed the marriage and the name and location of the church where the marriage was performed). If neither of these records is obtainable, furnish either the affidavit of the clergyman or magistrate who performed the ceremony, or the original certificate of marriage, or the affidavits of two or more eye witnesses to the ceremony.

4. Dissolution of Prior Marriages. Your certified statement showing the date, place and circumstances of the dissolution of your or your wife's prior marriages, if any.

5. Affidavits. If affidavits are submitted in place of certified copies of public or church records, such affidavits should be signed before a notary public or other officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes, whose official seal must be shown, or before a properly designated employee of the Veterans Administration. Persons making affidavits should state their ages, post office addresses, and means of knowledge of the facts in the affidavits.

NOTE: Certified copies of public records required by the Veterans Administration to determine eligibility for benefits, are furnished without charge in many states. Your request to the Custodian of Public Records should be accompanied by this letter.



★ WASHINGTON OFFICE ★ 1608 "K" STREET, N.W. ★ WASHINGTON, D.C. 20006 ★



For God and Country

September 19, 1972

Mrs. Ora B. Stokes
PO Box 351
Milford, TX 76670

BIDDISON, Wm. T.
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Dear Mrs. Stokes:

Your recent letter addressed to the American Legion Auxiliary concerning widow's benefits has been referred to this Commission for appropriate disposition.

Prior to January 1, 1971 a widow lost her Veterans Administration benefits upon remarriage unless such remarriage was annulled by a court of competent jurisdiction. Now, a remarried widow can be restored to the VA benefits rolls if her subsequent marriage has been dissolved by death or divorce.

You state it has been 14 or 15 years since you last heard from your husband Albert P. Stokes. If he were a veteran you could file a claim with the Veterans Administration for benefits based on his presumed death, but if he is declared dead by the VA you would have to prove that your separation was through no fault on your part.

You could also petition your local court to have him declared legally dead, or apply for a divorce based on desertion, the latter being the simplest, then apply for restoration of death benefits based on the death of William Biddison. As he died in service (in a prison camp in Osaka, Japan, after being captured at Bataan-Corregidor), you would receive a minimum of \$168 per month from the Veterans Administration.

To assist you in the proper steps you should take we are referring your letter to our Director of Rehabilitation in Houston, Texas, Mr. Wilson C. Turner, (515 Rusk Street, Houston 77061) and he in turn will contact your local County Service Officer in order that you can discuss the procedures to follow.

Sincerely,

RAY F. MACDOUALL

Chief of Claims Service
National Veterans Affairs and
Rehabilitation Commission



The American Legion

OFFICE OF
DEPARTMENT SERVICE OFFICER
P. O. BOX 61168
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77061

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS

REHABILITATION DIVISION

V. A. REGIONAL OFFICE

December 5, 1972

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BIDDISON, William T.

Mr. Cyrus W. McCaskill
County Service Officer
706 W. Tyler
Ennis, Tx 75119

Dear Sir:

Attached is a letter from Mrs. Ora E. Biddison, P. O.
Box 351, Milford, Texas 76670 which is self explanatory.
With kindest regards, I remain

Very truly yours,

WILSON C. TURNER
Dept. Service Officer

WCT/ca
cc-Mrs. Biddison worldwartwoveterans.org

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June 13, 1978

Mrs. Ora E. Biddison
P. O. Box 351
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Re: Ex-Prisoners of War - Japan
Claim No. C-109, William T. Biddison

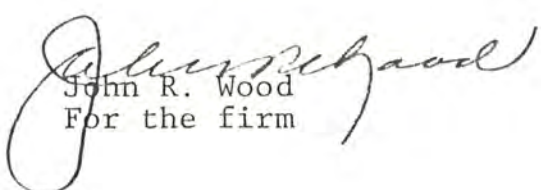
Dear Claimant:

We regret to advise that the conditions which this law firm specified to the Advisory Committee had to be met before we would accept actual representation of all former Japanese prisoners of war in seeking compensation resulting from their former prisoner-of-war status have not been fulfilled. These conditions were: (i) to receive active support from the national organizations which purport to represent all such claimants; and (ii) a total of 2,000 claims being filed (only 240 such claims were filed). Neither of these conditions have been met. Accordingly, we refund your \$50.00 deposit in full and return herewith your claim form. You should be advised that all deposits are being refunded in full, as this law firm is absorbing all costs incurred on behalf of this matter. As for this law firm, the matter is closed.

It is unfortunate and perhaps some day enough support can be found so that a concentrated effort can be undertaken in seeking such compensation. We felt that the treaty terminating the war between the Allies and Japan was an encouraging document and could furnish a good beginning. Extensive research and planning was necessary before the matter could have been presented to the United States Congress as a starting point for national support. When your own veterans' associations failed to assist the Advisory Committee in getting support for the assignment, it made it impossible for us to try for congressional action. Notwithstanding this firm's inability to represent you in this matter, you may be well advised to explore with your attorney your personal rights resulting from your former prisoner-of-war status.

We regret this advice and wish for each of you our very sincere best wishes.

Sincerely yours,


John R. Wood
For the firm

JRW/bd

Enclosures:

\$50.00 Wood, Whitesell & Karp, P.A.
Trustee check to addressee;
claim material

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December 15, 1977

Mrs. Ora E. Biddison
P.O. Box 351
Milford, Texas 76670

Re: Ex-Prisoners of War - Japan
(Claim for William T. Biddison, Deceased)

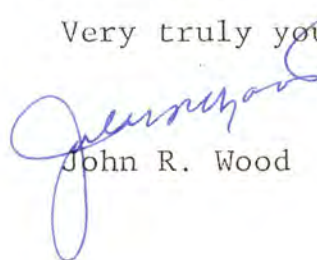
Dear Mrs. Biddison:

We acknowledge receipt of your claim and your payment of fifty dollars (\$50.00). Your claim has been assigned number C-109, which we ask that you use in all correspondence regarding your claim.

Because of our decision to proceed without waiting for 2,000 claims, all references to that contingency is deleted as is the closing date of December 7, 1977. If you don't agree with this and you desire a refund of your \$50.00, please advise and it will be remitted promptly; otherwise, it will be used to defray costs and expenses attendant to our assignment. If we do not hear from you within sixty days, we will consider that you want your claim to stand and your \$50.00 used to defray costs and expenses. If you request the refund, your claim will be returned to you.

We have retained Washington, D.C. counsel who have extensive knowledge of veterans' claims. That firm and our firm have undertaken to proceed with dispatch to get an early resolve of the many legal problems attendant to a claim of the magnitude involved in these proceedings.

Very truly yours,



John R. Wood

JRW/bd



Letter of Orientation from Advisory Committee

representing

Former Prisoners of War (Japanese) and next of kin

Former Prisoners of War (Japanese) Wake — Guam — Philippines — China World War II

There has been formed an Advisory Committee (Committee) which has been looking into the feasibility of presenting claims on your behalf for mistreatment and forced labor which aided the war effort of the Japanese Government during World War II. After many months of effort, this Committee has resolved that such claims should be made on behalf of all such former prisoners, their estates and next of kin, if said former prisoner is deceased. This Committee has selected the law firm of Wood, Whitesell & Karp, P.A., 2187 Siesta Drive, P.O. Box 15425, Sarasota, Florida 33579 to present these claims. John R. Wood, a former Japanese Prisoner of War, is a member of that firm and a person who has always had a great interest in this matter. We know you will want to participate in this endeavor in concert with other former Japanese Prisoners of War (POWs).

In order to activate your claim, you should complete the enclosed forms:

- (i) Claim Form
- (ii) Power of Attorney

The Power of Attorney will authorize the law firm, with the concurrence of a majority of the Committee members, to institute legal actions on your behalf and to settle your claim in keeping with your best interests. The Claim Form will help the law firm and the Committee to evaluate and process your individual claim. Return the forms fully completed and executed where provided, together with your check or money order in the amount of \$50.00 payable to the order of Wood, Whitesell & Karp, P.A., Claims Committee Trust Fund, where it will be used solely and exclusively to defray legal fees and expenses attendant to the necessary research and investigative procedures related to processing of this matter.

When you fill out the Claim Form, be sure to furnish as much detailed information as you can. Attach to the form additional statements from family members, friends and doctors, that will help to substantiate your present condition. Settlement figures for death or disabilities, in addition to compensation for labor, will be computed in keeping with your claim. By necessity the decision in this regard by a majority of the Committee must be final. It is the Committee's present thinking that each claim should be for more than \$10,000 per claimant.

You should be advised that the law firm has not yet advised the Committee that there is a legally enforceable right to bring a suit against the Japanese Government or Japanese industries for whom prisoners worked, but said firm is willing to undertake the necessary research to reach that judgment, and where such right exists, to enforce the same on a ten percent (10%) fee basis. If there is no recovery, those who contributed will not be liable for any additional charges.

A quote from Major General E. P. King, Jr. (retired) is perhaps most appropriate on this occasion, "Courage is a quality God has seen fit to dispense with utmost care. He limits it to His special favorites. He knows they will reward Him well, using the power with dignity, strength and distinction. The men of Bataan and Corregidor were HIS chosen favorites. They walked through unbearable hell and labored on under conditions history had never before recorded. Where they were supposed to be dead, these men of honor rose to battle a cruel enemy with this intangible weapon."

This Committee, comprised almost exclusively of former POWs (Japan), has been formed to insure that each participant's claim will receive careful attention from those who shared these same experiences. The Committee members will receive no compensation for their efforts on your behalf.

It is the feeling of the Committee that all former POWs should not be forgotten. Your active participation in this endeavor will help to right some of these wrongs. This action is long overdue. Please respond today!

Members of Advisory Committee

Art Bressie	Past Nat. Com., ADBC	Samuel B. Moody	Past Nat. Com., ADBC
Arnold J. Funk	Brig. Gen. USA Ret. (Bataan Officer)	Simme Pickman	(Insurance Consultant)
Thomas Hackett	Past Nat. Com., ADBC (Attorney)	Mark Wohlfield	Past Nat. Com., ADBC
William Hips	Brig. Gen. USAF Ret. (27th Bomb Grp.)	Eunice Young	Col. USA Ret. (Bataan Officer)
			Col. ANC Ret. (Bataan Nurse)

STATEMENT OF CLAIM
POWER OF ATTORNEY AND RETAINER AGREEMENT

C-109

Statement of Claim

(Use blank area on back page or additional pages if necessary)

The undersigned, upon oath, says:

1. That I am a former prisoner of war of the Imperial Japanese Government, having been captured during World War II hostilities among the various countries of the World. I served in the following branch of service with the dates and ranks indicated:

- (a) Name: William T. Biddison
- (b) Rank: Staff Sgt
- (c) Serial No.: 666 0367
- (d) Organization: Air Force

2. Give the place and date of your joining the Armed Forces.

3. Where were you stationed on December 7, 1941? Some where in the Philippines

4. Where and when were you captured by the Japanese? In Philippine Island
Bataan or Corrigedor

5. At the beginning of December, 1941, describe in detail your medical condition, giving as complete a medical history as you can.

never get but one letter after he arrived in Philippines. I do not know his condition records show he did in Feb. 45.

6. When you became a prisoner of war, describe your medical condition; indicate if any wounds resulting from combat activities.

I have no Record.

7. Give the places, dates and methods of transfer to each prison camp during your entire captivity, starting with your capture date to the date of your liberation.

All I know he was taken from the Philippines to Asak Camp Japan to work in a steel plant

8. Describe in considerable detail each camp where you were as a prisoner of war. Give the type of shelter, food, medical treatment and clothing furnished you at each station.

do not know - My Husband First Enlisted October 1935 Fort Hayes Columbus Ohio again at Luke Field Territory of Hawaii and at Barksdale Field La member 48 maternal Sqdn 35th Air Force Base from Savannah Air Force Base over seas. He left

9. Describe your personal experiences at each prisoner-of-war camp; your work assignments; your treatment; your illness, if any; physical condition and medical treatment, if any.

I had a letter from Major Sidney E. Seid which said he was in the 48 Maternal Sqdn but was not attached to my Husband unit on Bataan he was with a detachment on Munders Island. according to a letter I received from my Husband he was to sail on the President Hoover from San Francisco.

10. Were you forced to work at any military installations, airfields, port areas, factories, mines and the like? Describe in detail your working conditions and whether the area could be considered a war target area.

11. If you can, name each company for whom you worked while a prisoner of war; give dates, places and job assignments of all work done by you while a prisoner of war.

12. Were you paid by the Japanese Government or any person or company for any work done while a prisoner of war?

no

13. Were any places where you worked and lived distinctively marked as prisoner-of-war camps?

14. While a prisoner of war, did you receive medical and dental treatment? Were you ever denied medical or dental treatment when you needed same?

15. Can you identify any Japanese soldiers who mistreated you; if so, give name, rank, date and place or places where the incidents occurred.

16. Did you see any prisoner of war being mistreated by the Japanese? If so, state the person's name, the place and date it occurred and the type of mistreatment (viz., beating, stabbing, etc.).

17. Listed below are a number of fairly common experiences which prisoners of war underwent. Please check any of them which applied to you.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Death March | <input type="checkbox"/> Intensive/prolonged interrogation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solitary confinement | <input type="checkbox"/> Enforced idleness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Repeated solitary confinement | <input type="checkbox"/> Mistreatment by fellow POWs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hard labor | <input type="checkbox"/> Inadequate/deficient diet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Threatened group punishment | <input type="checkbox"/> Held in prison ship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Group punishment | <input type="checkbox"/> Attacked by Allied air or naval forces |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Physically punished, beaten or tortured | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

18. State the date, place and circumstances of your liberation; also state your physical condition at that time.

I was notified by the Government he died in Asaka Prison Camp February 1945

19. State your personal history of medical treatment upon liberation and give places hospitalized and the location of your medical records.

20. State in detail your present physical condition. Also give your doctor's name and address who can corroborate your statement.

21. Give the name of at least one person who can corroborate some or all of the statements made by you in this affidavit.

I received a letter stating these men were in the US Material Sqdn with my husband. Sgt William J. Allen (970 907) 1st Lt Wayne C. Baggett O-26 8018, Tsgt Robert A. Baltzer 7030108, PVT. Kenneth Calvert 1401492B, Cpl Marshall Cole, 11016184

22. Give a narrative statement of any additional information that would assist in representing your best interest in your claim against the Japanese Government; go into as much detail as you think appropriate.

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I am receiving \$320.00 monthly

24. If not retired, what kind of work do you now do?

I am retired on account of health. I am his wife.

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Power of Attorney and Retainer Agreement

The undersigned hereby retains and employs WOOD, WHITESELL & KARP, P.A., attorneys at law, 2187 Siesta Drive, P. O. Box 15425, Sarasota, Florida 33579, to represent me as attorneys, and in that connection to file suit, settle or compromise or do whatever is necessary to represent me and my dependents in my claim for damages against the Japanese Government or any other person, firm or corporation who may be liable to me therefor, resulting from being a prisoner of war of the Japanese from any time after December 7, 1941, to and including September 2, 1945, at various places throughout the Pacific, including China and Japan.

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Name: S/sgt William T. Biddison
Address: _____ (6660367)
Relationship: Wife - Ora E. Biddison
Telephone No.: 493-4367 Milford Texas
Ora E. Biddison
Signature

Witness:

STATE OF Texas
COUNTY OF Ellis

Before me personally appeared ORA E. Biddison to me well known and known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to and before me that the statements contained therein are true.

WITNESS my hand and official seal, this 2 day of Dec, A.D. 1977.

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At dawn of the second day the impatient Japs stepped among and upon us, kicking us into wakefulness. We were hollow eyed and as exhausted as we had been when we went to sleep. As we stumbled into the road was passed a Jap non-commissioned officer who was eating meat and rice.

Food Promised
"Pretty soon you eat," he told us.

The rising sun cast its blinding light into our eyes as we marched. The temperature rose by the minute. Noon came and went. The midday heat was searing. At 1 p. m. the column was halted and Jap noncoms told American and Filipino soldiers they might fill their canteens from a dirty puddle beside the road. There was no food.

During the afternoon traffic picked up again. Troop laden trucks sped past us. A grimacing Jap leaned far out, holding his rifle by the barrel. As the truck roared by he knocked an American soldier senseless with the gun's stock. Other Japs saw this and yelled. From now on we kept out of reach if we could. Several more American and Filipino prisoners were struck down.

Prisoners Segregated
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Whether by accident or design we had been put just across the road from a pile of canned and boxed food. We were famished, but it seemed worse than useless to ask the Japs for anything. An elderly American colonel did, however. He crossed the road and after pointing to the food and to the drooping prisoners, he went thru the motions of eating.

A squat Jap officer grinned at him and picked up a can of salmon. Then he smashed it against the colonel's head, opening the American's cheek from eye to jawbone. The officer staggered and turned back toward us, wiping the blood off.

Jap Ferocity Grows.

It seemed as tho the Japs had been waiting for just such a brutal display to end the scene. They ordered us to our feet and herded us back into the road.

We knew now the Japs would respect neither age nor rank. Their ferocity grew as we marched on into the afternoon. They no longer were content with mauling stragglers or pricking them with bayonet points. The thrusts were intended to kill.

We had marched about a mile after the sun treatment when I stumbled over a man writhing in the hot dust of the road. He was a Filipino soldier who had been bayoneted thru the stomach. Within a quarter of a mile I walked past another. This soldier prisoner had been rolled into the path of the trucks and crushed beneath the heavy wheels.

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The huddled and smashed figures beside the road eventually became commonplace to us. The human mind has an amazing sur-

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It was dark when we marched across Bataan field, which with Cabcaben field I had commanded two days before. It was difficult walking in the darkness. Now and again we passed the huddled forms of men who had collapsed from fatigue or had been bayoneted. I didn't kid myself that I was safe simply because I was keeping up the pace. I would not have been surprised at any time to feel a Jap blade slide between my ribs. The bloodthirsty devils now were killing us for diversion.

The march continued until about 10 p. m. When we were halted some naive individual started a rumor that we were to be given water. Instead we were about faced and marched back to the westward. For two more hours we stumbled over the ground we had just covered.

It was midnight when we recrossed Bataan field and kept going. We were within a short distance of Cabcaben field when the Japs diverted the line into a tiny rice paddy. There was no room to lie down. Some of us tried to rest in a half squat. Others drew up their knees and laid their heads on the legs of the men next to them. Japs guards stood around the edges of the little field, their feet almost touching outer fringe of men.

Slugs Yank with Rifle Butt.

I heard a cry, then the thudding blows at one side of the paddy. An American soldier so tortured by the thirst that he could not sleep had asked a Jap guard for water. The Jap fell on him with his fists, then slugged him into insensibility with a rifle butt.

The thirst of all had become almost unbearable, but remembering what had happened to the colonel earlier in the day we asked for nothing. A Jap officer walked along just after the thirsty soldier had been beaten. He appeared sur-

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Prisoners Fall Out.

Many prisoners began falling out now. They went down by twos and threes, some of them trying to rise. They were moaning. Others lay lifelessly in the road. I observed that the guards paid no attention to the fallen ones and wondered why. I soon had an explanation. There came the sharp crackle of rifle fire behind us.

Bringing up the rear of our contingent skulked a cleanup squad of murdering Jap buzzards. The American and Filipino soldiers who had fallen were sprawled darkly against the white of the road.

Members of the murder squad stooped over each huddled form. There was an orange flash in the darkness and a sharp report. The bodies were left where they lay, that other prisoners who are marching behind us may see them. Orange flashes and thudding shots followed us thru the night, always just a few paces behind.

(Continued tomorrow.)

FLIERS DROP GIFTS

Melbourne, —(INS)— A strange friendship has developed between natives on a lonely South Pacific island and U. S. Navy patrol fliers. Gifts were dropped near a village by the airmen and soon the natives appeared every time the planes went over. Then they began writing notes on the beach with bits of rock and wood. One message said: "The great thank to our friend thanks you we will help you when we prayers because you helps very much to us." How the natives acquired their meager English is not known, but the fliers believe a missionary may have served among them at some time.

Other Texans listed include:

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4 Dallasites In 65 Texans Held by Japs

War Department's List Includes Men From Over State

WASHINGTON, June 30 (AP).—
The War Department Wednesday
made public the names of 789 United
States soldiers who are held as
prisoners of war by Japan. The
list included sixty-five Texans,
among them being four from Dal-
las and one from Dallas County

Those from Dallas included:

Major Joseph W. Jackson, son of
Mrs. Ella Jackson, 4907 Tremont.
Major Jackson went on active duty
in September, 1941. He spent two
and a half years in the Dutch East
Indies. He was on duty at Corregi-
dor in charge of communications
until the island fell.

Pvt. Thomas E. Blaylock, son of
Mrs. Vada Blaylock, 2714 McKin-
ney. A graduate of North Dallas
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