

HEADQUARTERS 507TH PARACHUTE INFANTRY
Office of the Regimental Commander.
APO 452, c/o Postmaster,
New York, N. Y.

10 April 1945

Mr. Thomas J. Sizemore
General Delivery,
Hyden, Kentucky.

Dear Mr. Sizemore:

As Commanding Officer of the Regiment in which your brother, Private First Class Remine E. Sizemore, 6290464, was serving when he was killed in action on March 24th, I have the sad privilege of writing to assure you of my personal sympathy and to tell you that we all share with you the sense of loss that must be yours on learning of his passing. I know full well how he will be missed from the family group at home. He is missed from our "regimental family group" as well -- the more so because his devotion to duty to the end showed him to be the kind of soldier we can ill afford to lose.

While attempting to reach the regimental assembly point near Wesel, Germany, an enemy machine gun opened fire. Crossing open ground, he was caught in the fire, and dropped to the ground mortally wounded. Medical aid was not necessary, as he died instantly. His body was recovered immediately and he was buried in the American Military Cemetery at Margraten, Holland. In keeping with his Protestant faith, a United States Army Chaplain conducted the funeral service.

I do not presume to think that what I say can assuage your grief. But I beg you to remember that no great and worthwhile victory is ever won without a cost. And if the conquest over Axis tyranny is necessary, as we believe it is, for the peace and happiness of the entire world, then not those who have given the least but those who have given the most are most privileged. Greater love hath no man than that which your brother has shown. He died as any good soldier would want to die -- in the very forefront of the fight, carrying the battle determinedly and successfully to an opponent who is the avowed enemy of all that in America we have learned to count most dear. Because this is so, I feel confident that in time the quite natural grief in your heart will give way to a just pride at having contributed so much to a cause so high.

The noble example which he and our other honored dead have set will live on among us as an inspiration toward our more faithful performance of duty, until that day when, with God's help, we shall have made the world the place of peace and freedom for which they died.

You are advised that any correspondence relative to the exact location of his grave or to the disposition of his personal effects should be addressed to the Quartermaster General, ASF, Washington, D. C.

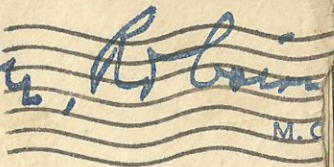
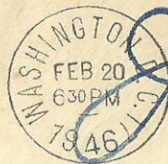
Sincerely yours,

Edson D. Raff
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Colonel, Infantry,
Commanding.

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Hyden, Kentucky.

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