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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

March 3, 1987

DAPC-PDC-MM DIBBLE, James P.
SN: 0 733 844

Mr. James W. Dibble
P.O. Box 990
Anderson, South Carolina 29622

Dear Mr. Dibble:

This responds to your request for information pertaining to your uncle.

We have reviewed his individual deceased personnel file received from the Washington National Records Center. The file contains only limited information pertaining to his death and the disposition of his remains. We have extracted the following information:

DIBBLE, James P., 1Lt, 0 733 844, 94th Ftr Sqdn, 1st Ftr Grp. He was born November 3, 1921, and was killed in action September 9, 1943. He was the pilot of a P-38G aircraft which failed to return from a patrol mission to Naples, Italy. He strafed an enemy convoy about 30 miles east of Agropoli, Italy, and was struck by antiaircraft fire. He bailed out of the cockpit and was last seen in his parachute about 1500 feet from the ground. He did not survive, his remains were interred in an isolated grave where the plane crashed. His remains were subsequently recovered and interred in the British Salerno (Beachhead) Cemetery, Salerno, Italy, no date stated. On March 18, 1945, the American Graves Registration removed his remains to the U.S. Military Cemetery, Naples, Italy, plot K, row 8, grave 90. Under the repatriation program, his remains were disinterred August 6, 1948, and repatriated to the Middleville Cemetery, Middleville, Michigan, in December 1948.

Enclosed are copies of the Case History, Record of Interment (Naples) and Disinterment Directive.

I hope this information will be helpful.

Sincerely,

John F. Manning
Assistant Chief
Mortuary Affairs and Casualty
Support Division

Enclosures