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

IN REPLY REFER TO:

From the Desk of
Representative
Mark Johnson

AG 201 Gilbert, Alfred H.
PC-N ET0133

27 July 1944

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Mrs. Beatrice V. Gilbert
14 Oak Street
Glens Falls, New York

Dear Mrs. Gilbert:

This letter is to confirm my recent telegram in which you were regretfully informed that your husband, Private Alfred H. Gilbert, 32,945,770, Infantry, has been reported missing in action in France since 19 June 1944.

I know that added distress is caused by failure to receive more information or details. Therefore, I wish to assure you that at any time additional information is received it will be transmitted to you without delay, and, if in the meantime no additional information is received, I will again communicate with you at the expiration of three months.

The term "missing in action" is used only to indicate that the whereabouts or status of an individual is not immediately known. It is not intended to convey the impression that the case is closed. I wish to emphasize that every effort is exerted continuously to clear up the status of our personnel. Under war conditions this is a difficult task as you must readily realize. Experience has shown that many persons reported missing in action are subsequently reported as prisoners of war, but as this information is furnished by countries with which we are at war, the War Department is helpless to expedite such reports. However, in order to relieve financial worry, Congress has enacted legislation which continues in force the pay, allowances and allotments to dependents of personnel being carried in a missing status.

Permit me to extend to you my heartfelt sympathy during this period of uncertainty.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Ullo
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Major General,
The Adjutant General.



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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
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RE: Private Alfred E. Gilbert,
United States Prisoner of War,
Camp Unstated, Germany.

Mrs. Beatrice V. Gilbert,
14 Oak Street,
Glens Falls, New York.

Dear Mrs. Gilbert:

The provost Marshal General has directed me to supplement the information you received recently concerning the above-named prisoner of war.

Information has been received which indicates that he is now interned as a prisoner of war as indicated above. The report received did not give the place of his internment. Past experience indicates that one to three months is the normal time required for this office to receive that information.

Until the exact place of his internment is known, it is impossible to direct letters and parcels to him. Mailing instructions and parcel labels will be forwarded, without application on your part, when his internment address is received.

Sincerely yours,

Howard F. Breesee

Howard F. Breesee,
Colonel, C.M.I.,
Assistant Director,
Prisoner of War Division.

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