

TO: MAIL & MESSAGE SEC  
COMMUNICATIONS UNIT

FOR SHEEHAN REC LN SEC ADMIN SVC DIV  
FROM SPALL WW II CORR SEC  
ON EDWARD D SLOVIK 36 896 415 ENL AND 201 LOANED IGOU DASH CRISTE P AND H  
BRANCH TAGO RM 1E 676 14 AUG 53 AND CLASS FILE FORWARDED C/O SHEEHAN  
14 AUG 53 PD HAVE REQUEST FROM SISTER REQUESTING INFORMATION AS TO WHY  
INFORMATION REGARDING DEATH WAS RELEASED TO A MR HUIE WHO APPARENTLY WROTE  
ARTICLE RE SAME PD ADMSG WHETHER CASE TO BE FORWARDED OR WHEN RECORDS WILL  
BE RETURNED

ROUTINE

LJS/Evans/oja-Spec  
8:00 A.M.  
19 Aug 53

SIGNATURE:

*LJ Spall*

THIS MSG REC'D IN COMMUNICATIONS  
MPRC 19 AUG 1953 TIME .....  
TRANSMITTED BY WIRE ON MSG.....

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*Spall WWII Comms*

AGRC-GS

Complaint Regarding Release of Information  
in the Case of Edward D. Slovik

Chief, Comptroller Div,  
TAGO  
ATTN: Col H. G. Wilson  
Prec & Hist Br

GO, Mil Pers Rec Cen, TAGO  
St. Louis 20, Missouri

20 Aug 53

Mr Johnston/jsr-774

Forwarded for appropriate action in compliance with teletype message of  
19 August 1953, copy attached.

2 Incls

1. Ltr 13 Aug 53
2. Cpy TT Msg 19 Aug 53

ALBERT A. LINDQUIST, Colonel, AGC  
Commanding

COPY



Mrs. Pauline Serafine  
11649 Auburn Ave.,  
Detroit 28, Mich.  
August 28, 1953

U. S. Military Record  
Personnel Center  
4300 Goodfellow  
St. Louis, Mo.

ATT: Quillo  
Information Desk  
RE: EDWARD DAN SLOVIK  
36896415

Dear Sirs:

Two weeks have passed since I wrote to you requesting information on the insurance and death of Pvt. Edward D. Slovik, #36896415 - World War II.

I am anxiously awaiting your answer. Please advise.

Very truly yours,

*Mrs. Pauline Serafine*

Mrs. Pauline Serafine

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Mrs. Pauline Gerelino

*Handwritten signature*

Very truly yours,

Edwards

I am sincerely sorry for your loss. Please

Mr. Edward P. Groat, Manager - World War II  
bearing information on the insurance and death of  
two weeks have passed since I wrote to you re-

Dear Sir:

3 info

RE: EDWARD P. GROAT  
INFORMATION REAK  
VAL: CALIF

Mr. Groat, No.  
1200 Connecticut  
Belmont Center  
U. S. Military Record  
Center

Mr. Pauline Gerelino  
1200 Connecticut  
Belmont Center  
U. S. Military Record  
Center



AGCT-H 201 Slovik, Eddie D.  
(13 Aug 53) 36896415

28 August 1953

Mrs. Pauline Serafine  
11649 Auburn Avenue  
Detroit 28, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Serafine:

The Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, has referred to this office your letter of 13 August 1953 requesting detailed information concerning the case of your deceased brother, Private Eddie D. Slovik, 36896415.

Mr. William Bradford Huie, to whom you refer, has not been granted permission to have access to your brother's records, which are in the custody of The Adjutant General.

The emergency addressee designated by your brother was his wife, Mrs. Antoinette W. Slovik, 6320 Ternes Avenue, Dearborn, Michigan, and she was notified of his death.

The questions you asked concerning insurance should be addressed to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Affairs, Veterans Administration, this city.

I trust that the above information will be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. E. Bergin

*By Col Harold G. Wilson*

WM. E. BERGIN  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General



COPY FOR:  
CO, MPRC, St. Louis, Mo.  
Chief, P&H Branch, TAGO

M/R: Above reply based on info contained in 201 file and instructions of Col H. G. Wilson, C/P&H Br, TAGO. Coordinated with Casualty Br, TAGO - Col Woodman.

*File in P&H  
201 - Slovik,  
Eddie D*



28 August 1953

AGCT-H 201 Blovik, Eddie D.  
(13 Aug 53) 3689412

Mrs. Pauline Bergin  
11629 Auburn Avenue  
Detroit 28, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Bergin:

The Military Personnel Records Center, St. Louis, Missouri, has referred to this office your letter of 13 August 1953 requesting detailed information concerning the case of your deceased brother, Private Eddie D. Blovik, 3689412.

Mr. William Bradford Huie, to whom you refer, has not been granted permission to have access to your brother's records, which are in the custody of the Adjutant General.

The emergency address designated by your brother was his wife, Mrs. Antoinette W. Blovik, 6320 Turner Avenue, Dearborn, Michigan, and she was notified of his death.

The questions you asked concerning insurance should be addressed to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Affairs Administration, this city.

I trust that the above information will be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. E. Bergin

Wm. E. Bergin  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General

COPY FOR:  
OO, HRC, St. Louis, Mo.  
Chief, HR Branch, TAGO

M/R: Above reply based on info contained in 201 file  
Instructions of Col H. G. Wilson, C/HR, TAGO  
Coordinated with Casualty Br, TAGO - Col. Lockman.



RETURN TO 2-7 SECTION, TAGO

PALL WWII CORR SEC URMSG 72 19 AUG ON EDWARD D SLOVIK 36895415

P AND H ER REPTS RECORDS STILL IN USE FWD CORRES TO THAT OFF SEND

TO ATTN COL WILSON COMP DIV TAGO P AND H ER M.F.R.C. RGD AUG 19 53 10 32 AM



Mrs. Pauline Serafine  
11649 Aubur Ave.,  
Detroit 28, Mich.  
August 31, 1953

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Adjutant General,  
War Department  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I am writing for my mother who is old and unable to write well enough since she has been subject to an emotional shock.

In January 1945 her son Edward D. Slovik #36896415 was executed for deserting the Army at Albuf, France upon authorization of the most Honorable President Eisenhower (then a General). However she had not been informed about his execution until August 11, 1953 by indirect sources. We regret that her daughter-in-law has not told her about this affair. I can well understand the reason. The knowledge of this would be a disgrace and the strain of shock would have been too great.

Up to this time however, this little lady has not received compensation or insurance for his death. If such is collectable why hasn't the U. S. Army informed her of it?

Acting as her intercessor I wrote to the Personnel Record Center in St. Louis Missouri a little more than two weeks ago for information on Edward's death and insurance. Up to this date I have received no answer? Why? I can't understand it.

Could you be so kind as to help me in this serious matter? Now that the case is de-classified by the Army I think they owe no less than a mere explanation for the unhappiness experienced by Edward's mother.

Thanking you for any cooperation I remain,

Very truly yours,

*Mrs. Pauline Serafine*

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Delayed by 209  
9 Aug 53



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Mrs. Pauline Gerline  
11549 Abby Ave.,  
Detroit 28, Mich.  
August 31, 1953

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Adjutant General,  
War Department  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I am writing for my mother who is old and unable to write well enough since she has been subject to an emotional shock.

In January 1948 her son Edward D. Sivok #3889415 was executed for deserting the Army at Albu, France upon notification of the most Honorable President Eisenhower (that General). However she had not been informed about his execution until August 11, 1953 by indirect sources. We regret that her daughter-in-law has not told her about this matter. I can well understand the reason. The knowledge of this would be a disgrace and the strain of shock would have been too great.

Up to this time however, this little lady has not received compensation or insurance for his death. If such is collectible why hasn't the U. S. Army informed her of it?

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Mrs. Pauline Gerline

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AGCT-H 201 Slovik, Eddie D.  
(20 Aug 53) 36896415  
SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO Chief, PID, CINFO FROM Chief, Precedent & DATE 31 Aug 53 COMMENT NO. 2  
History Branch, TAGO Maj Hertzog/54438

1. Careful consideration has been given to your request for the last known address of thirty-one persons named in Comment No. 1. Unfortunately, there is no feasible way such service can be rendered. While the research and clerical time necessary to compile this specific material might not appear excessive, the hundreds of similar requests for lists of various types have presented a problem of considerable magnitude, and the sheer numbers involved have necessitated a policy of denying each of them.

2. The Army was under no obligation to notify anyone of the death of Private Eddie D. Slovik, 36896415, or the circumstances of death, except the emergency addressee and such other members of his family as he designated. However, a review of the records shows that he only requested that his wife, Mrs. Antoinette W. Slovik, 6320 Ternes Avenue, Dearborn, Michigan, be advised.

3. There was no obligation, legal or otherwise, requiring the Army to notify the next of kin that Slovik was under death sentence between 11 November 1944 and 31 January 1945. However, an individual in his status at that time was free to correspond with anyone during that period.

4. The symbols, "GFRD," as used in the phrase, "GFRD #1," Fort Meade, Maryland, on 11 July 1944, were abbreviations for "Ground Forces Replacement Depot."

5. The symbols, "GFRS," are abbreviations for "Ground Forces Replacement System."

6. The Third Replacement Depot was located at Saint Lo, France, on 19 August 1944, and moved on 21-22 August 1944 to Mortain, France.

7. The exact location of Slovik during the period from 15 November 1944 to 29 January 1945 is not disclosed in the Record of Trial, though there is a record therein of his confinement at Regimental Headquarters Prisoner of War Inclosure as of 9 October 1944 and at Divisional Headquarters Prisoner of War Inclosure as of 26 October 1944.

8. There are various lists shown in the Record of Trial of persons who were at the stockade, men who served with the 28th Military Police Detachment at the place of confinement and execution. There would be no objection to an examination of the lists by Mr. Huie, but it would be his responsibility to determine who were stockade guards. There is no way in which this office or TJAGO can determine what positions were occupied by those named on the lists.

9. As to the actual person who notified Slovik of his death sentence, nothing has been found in the Record of Trial of the person whose task this was. It is assumed that immediately after approval of the death sentence on 23 December 1945, Slovik was



AGCT-H 201 Slovik, Eddie D.  
(20 Aug 53) 36896415  
SUBJECT: Request for Information

informed through channels in the normal manner. There is no way of determining specifically the name of the person who notified Slovik. In fact, in order to make the procedure impersonal, ordinarily the name of such person is not recorded.

HAROLD G. WILSON, Col., AGC  
Chief, P and H Branch, TAGO

Initial *HW* 53847

HAROLD G. WILSON, Colonel, AGC  
Chief, Precedent & History Br, TAGO

MEMO FOR RECORD:

1. Under date of 20 Aug 53, by Cmt #1, C/PID/CINFO, forwarded DF to C/P & H Br, TAGO, rqtng last known address of 31 persons, and answers to eight additional questions concerning the execution of Pvt Eddie D. Slovik, 36896415, only American service man executed for a mil crime since the Civil War. States that Mr. Wm. Bradford Huie is engaged in research for a book he is writing on this subject and that CINFO is giving full cooperation.
2. Because of the large number of names involved, it is necessary for this office, under current policy, to deny the request for the last known address of the 31 persons.
3. Replies to questions contained in par 2 b, c, d, e, f, g, h, and i are based on informal coordination with Orgn & Directory Sec, Oper Br, TAGO, and Lt Davis, Mil Justice Div, TJAGO, ext 55975.



*File in MPTG  
201-Slovik,  
Eddie D  
pwc*

~~RETURN TO H & P BRANCH, TAGO/McHALL~~



AGCT-H 201 Elavik, Eddie D.  
(20 Aug 53) 3686412  
SUBJECT: Request for Information

Informed through channels in the normal manner. There is no way of determining specifically the name of the person who notified Elavik. In fact, in order to make the procedure impersonal, ordinarily the name of such person is not recorded.

HAROLD G. WILSON, Col., AGC  
Chief, P and H Branch, TAGO  
HAROLD G. WILSON, Colonel, AGC  
Chief, Precedent & History Br., TAGO

MEMO FOR RECORD:

1. Under date of 20 Aug 53, by Cmt #1, C/PID/CINPO, forwarded DF to C/P & H Br., TAGO, stating last known address of 31 persons, and answers to eight additional questions concerning the execution of Pvt Eddie D. Elavik, 3686412, only American service man executed for a mil crime since the Civil War. States that Mr. Wm. Bradford White is engaged in research for a book he is writing on this subject and that CINPO is giving full cooperation.
2. Because of the large number of names involved, it is necessary for this office, under current policy, to deny the request for the last known address of the 31 persons.
3. Replies to questions contained in par 2 p. c, d, e, f, g, h, and i are based on informal coordination with Org & Directory Sec, Oper Br., TAGO, and Lt Davis, Mil Justice Div, TAGO, ext 52972.

*File in 1085  
3686412  
Eddie D. Elavik*



REPLY TO H & P SECTION, TAGO, CHIEF



**DISPOSITION FORM**

FILE NO.

SUBJECT

Slovik, Eddie D. 36 896 415

TO Comptroller Div, TAGO  
 Precedent & History Branch  
 Room 1E676 Pentagon  
 Attn: Col Wilson

FROM Records Liaison Sec, ASD,  
 TAGO Rm 1E888 Pentagon

DATE 1 Sep 53

COMMENT NO. 1

74339/BLL

Telegram forwarded for action re our telephone conversation this date.

*B. Lewallen*  
 B. Lewallen



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DISPOSITION FORM





**DISPOSITION FORM**

FILE NO. AGRC-GS

SUBJECT

Tracer (Case of Slovik, Edward D.)

TO Chief, Comptroller Div, TAGO FROM CO, Mil Pers Rec Cen, TAGO DATE 4 Sep 53 COMMENT NO. 1  
 TAGO St. Louis 20, Missouri Mr Johnston/jsr-774  
 ATTN: Col H. G. Wilson  
 Prec & Hist Br

1. For appropriate action.

2. Prior correspondence was forwarded to your office by Disposition Form dated 20 August 1953, copy attached.

2 Incls

1. Ltr 28 Aug 53
2. Cpy D/F 20 Aug 53

*H. H. Newman*  
 H. H. NEWMAN, Colonel, AGC  
 Commanding



Mrs. Pauline Serafine  
11649 Auburn Ave.,  
Detroit 20 Mich.  
September 3, 1953

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*Mrs. Haver*

Department of the Army,  
Office of the Adjutant General,  
Washington 25, D. C.

ATT: Wm. E. Bergin  
Major General, USA

REF: Pvt. Eddie D. Slovik  
#36896415

Dear Sir:

Your letter of August 28, has been duly received and its contents of great help.

Nevertheless, I was much surprised to learn that you are in custody of Edwards records since the little lady at the Pentagon informed me, when I called, that Washington had no records. She referred me to the Military Personnel Records Center in St. Louis.

Now that you have these records I request to know the details of my brothers death.

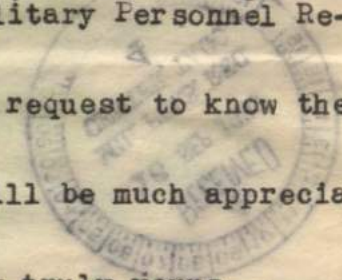
Your cooperation in this regard will be much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

*Mrs. Pauline Serafine*

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Mrs. Pauline Serafine



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CASUALTY BRANCH  
T. A. G. O.



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Mrs. ...



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TO: SAC, ...  
FROM: ...

Washington 25, D. C.  
Office of the Adjutant General,  
Department of the Army

*[Handwritten signature]*

September 2, 1953  
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FROM SPS FOL MSG QUOTED EUAO93 DE UEPBY 68 P 021633Z FM CG FIN CEN USA  
INDIANAPOLIS IND TO CHMPRC TAGO STL DA GRNC CITE FCUSA 56580 IN  
REPLY REFER TO FINKO DASH C PD RQST THIS OFFICE BE ADVISED OF ALL ORGN  
AND STATIONS TO WHICH EDDIE D SLOVIK 36896415 WAS ASG PD EM EXECUTED  
23 JAN 45 PD CHIEF OF FIN INTEREST CMM EXPED PD UNQUOTE RECORDS WERE  
LOANED TO IGOU/CRISTE PRECEDENT HISTORY BR RM 1F676 WASHDC THROUGH  
CLASSIFIED FILES ON 15 AUG 1953

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**DISPOSITION FORM**

FILE NO.

SUBJECT

Slovik, Eddie D. 36 896 415

TO Comptroller Division, TAGO FROM Records Liaison Sec, ASD, DATE 4 Sep 53  
 Precedent & History Br TAGO  
 Room 1E676 Pentagon Rm 1E888 Pentagon  
 Attn: Mrs Criste

COMMENT NO. 1

74339/ELL

Telegram forwarded for action re telephone conversation this date.

*B. Lewallen*  
 B. Lewallen



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INFORMATION FORM

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FROM MCNALL PREC AND HIST BR

ON EDDIE D SLOVIK 38896415 DECEASED FURN ADD OF SISTER MRS PAULINE  
SERAFINE MAIL ADDRESSED TO HER 15 OCT 53 AT 11549 AUBURN AVE DETROIT  
MICH RETD SPL

REG. RCD

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## MEMO ROUTING SLIP

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CONCURRENCES, OR SIMILAR ACTIONS

1 NAME OR TITLE Miles Igou	INITIALS	CIRCULATE
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION Precedent and History Branch	DATE	COORDINATION
2 Comptroller Division, TAGO		FILE
		INFORMATION
3		NECESSARY ACTION
		NOTE AND RETURN
4 Slovik, Edward D.		SEE ME
		SIGNATURE
36 896 415		

## REMARKS

1. The attached letter is forwarded for appropriate action.

2. Information on file in this Center shows records were charged to Igou/Criste, Rm 1E676 on 14 August 1953.

FROM NAME OR TITLE <del>Tsenes</del> /ams WW II Corr Sec	DATE 9 Sep 53
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION Mil Pers Rec Cen, TAGO St. Louis 20, Mo.	TELEPHONE FI 8200 Ext 781

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FROM AGCT

REURMSG FCUSA 53764 TO MPRC FOLLOWING INFORMATION FURNISHED COLON  
 PRIVATE EDDIE D SLOVICK CMM ASN 36896415 CMM NO RECORD FOUND OF PREFIX  
 TO SERVICE NUMBER CMM WAS INDUCTED INTO ARMY 3 JANUARY 1944 AND DIED  
 31 JANUARY 1945 CMM NOW BATTLE STATUS DUE TO OWN MISCONDUCT PER GCM  
 ORDER NUMBER 27 HQS ETO DATED 23 JANUARY 1945 PD



*Dispatched  
 4 Sep 1700 '52  
 Radio Com Sec*

*File in 71018  
 201-Slovak, Eddie  
 pnc*

*Return to  
 JH Br  
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AGCT 201 Slovick, Eddie D. 53659

HAROLD G. WILSON, Col., AGC  
 Chief, P and H Branch, TAGO  
 HAROLD G. WILSON, Col., AGC  
 Ch, Proc & Hist Br, TAGO

AGCT 201 Slovik, Eddie D.  
36896415 (28 Aug 53)

11 September 1953

Mrs. Pauline Serafine  
11649 Auburn Avenue  
Detroit 28, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Serafine:

The Military Personnel Records Center at St. Louis, Missouri, has forwarded to this office your letter of 28 August 1953, in which you refer to a letter you previously sent that office requesting information on the insurance and death of Pvt. Eddie D. Slovik, 36896415.

Reply to your letter of 13 August 53 was made by this office on 28 August. In the event you have not received that letter, please let us know and a copy will be sent to you.

I am sorry for the delay in answering your letters, which was occasioned by their being forwarded here from St. Louis.

Sincerely yours,

**Wm. E. Bergin**

WM. E. BERGIN *by N. D. Wilson*  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General



*File in 201-56  
201-Slovik, Eddie D. Return to  
jmc 10670  
JAN 1954*



AGCT 201 Slovik, Eddie D.  
36 896 415 (31 Aug 53)

15 September 1953

Mrs. Pauline Serafine  
11649 Auburn Avenue  
Detroit 28, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Serafine:

I have your letter of 31 August 1953 requesting information concerning the death and insurance of your brother, Private Eddie D. Slovik, 36 896 415.

As stated in my letter of 28 August, the emergency addressee designated by your brother was his wife, Mrs. Antoinette W. Slovik, 6320 Ternes Avenue, Dearborn, Michigan, and she was notified of his death.

Your attention is again called to the fact that inquiries concerning insurance should be addressed to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D. C.

With reference to your statement, "Now that the case is declassified by the Army x x x," there has been no change in the original classification of the file in this office.

I am sorry for the delay in answering your letters and for the grief this matter has caused your Mother.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. E. Bergin

WM. E. BERGIN *by H D Nelson*  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General



*Ret to JSHB  
16 676  
File 201 Slovik  
MCH  
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15 September 1953

4807 201 Biddle D.  
36 926 115 (31 Aug 53)

Mrs. Caroline  
1145 Auburn Avenue  
Detroit 28, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Bergin:

I have your letter of 11 August 1953 requesting information concerning the death and insurance of your brother, Private Biddle D. Biddle, 36 926 115.

As stated in my letter of 23 August, the emergency address designated by your brother was his wife, Mrs. Antoinette W. Biddle, 6300 James Avenue, Dearborn, Michigan, and she was notified of his death.

Your attention is again called to the fact that inquiries concerning insurance should be addressed to the Administrator of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D. C.

With reference to your statement, "how that the case is classified by the Army x x x," there has been no change in the original classification of the file in this office.

I am sorry for the delay in answering your letters and for the fact that this matter has caused you bother.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. E. Bergin

WM. E. BERGIN  
Major General  
The Adjutant





## MEMO ROUTING SLIP

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1	NAME OR TITLE Chief <i>Boyle</i>	INITIALS	CIRCULATE
2	ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION Military Personnel Records Center	DATE	COORDINATION
3	St. Louis, Missouri		FILE
4	<i>Miss Hager</i>		INFORMATION
			NECESSARY ACTION
			NOTE AND RETURN
			SEE ME
			SIGNATURE

## REMARKS

Re: Slovik, Eddie D. 36 896 415

1. Forwarded for necessary action and direct reply to writer who has not been advised of this reference.

2. Information obtained from Veterans Administration reveals that EM died 31 January 1945.

1 Incl  
Ltr 3 Sep 53



## FROM NAME OR TITLE

V. R. SAUNDERS, MAJ AGC

*Albert Van Meter*  
ALBERT VAN METER

## DATE

14 Sep 53

## ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION

CAS BR, COMP L 2, CORRES DARBY/1D675

## TELEPHONE

76340 *kn*

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FCUSA  
56580 & 7744

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FROM AGCT

REURMSGs FCUSA 56580 AND 7744 GMM RECORDS INDICATE EDDIE D SLOVIK ASN 36896415  
ASSIGNED FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS AND STATIONS COLON D DASH S NINE GMM INFANTRY  
TRAINING BATTALION CAMP WOLTERS TEXAS 31 JANUARY 1944 TO 10 JULY 1944 SEMI COLON  
GROUND FORCES REPLACEMENT DEPOT NUMBER ONE FT MEADE MARYLAND 11 JULY 1944 TO  
31 JULY 1944 SEMI COLON GROUND FORCES REPLACEMENT SYSTEM 14 AUGUST 1944 SEMI  
COLON THIRD REPLACEMENT DEPOT 19 AUGUST 1944 SEMI COLON COMPANY G 109TH INFANTRY  
REGIMENT APO 28 NY NY 20 AUGUST 1944 TO 31 JANUARY 1945 PD

*Resubmitted  
Sep 14 1547253  
Radio May 6 to*



*File MAB  
201 Slovik,  
Eddie D.  
pmc*

UNCLASSIFIED  
HAROLD G. WILSON, Col., AGC  
Chief, P and H Branch, TAGO

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AGCT 201 Slovik, Eddie D.

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HAROLD G. WILSON, Col., AGC  
Chief, Prec & Hist Br, Compt Div, TAGO





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## REMARKS

Please pass attached file and papers to  
Mr. Krebs, Special Services.

*Phyllis M. Criste*

FROM NAME OR TITLE Phyllis M. Criste	DATE 15 Sep 53
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION Prec & Hist Br, Compt Div, TAGO	TELEPHONE 53659

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## MEMO ROUTING SLIP

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DISENCOURAGEMENTS, OR SIMILAR ACTIONS

1 NAME OR TITLE	INITIALS	CIRCULATE
Chief		
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION	DATE	COORDINATION
Military Personnel Records Center		
2		FILE
St. Louis, Missouri		
		INFORMATION
3		NECESSARY ACTION
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4		SEE ME
		SIGNATURE

## REMARKS

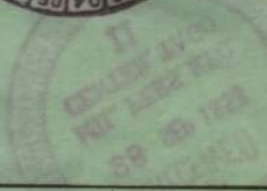
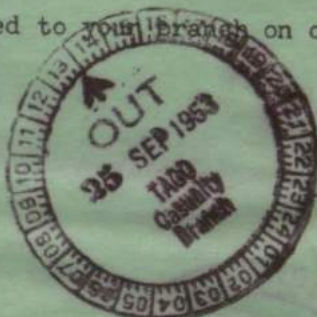
Re: Slovik, Eddie B. 36 896 415

1. Forwarded for necessary action. Correspondence has not been acknowledged.

2. Records of EM returned to your branch on or about 15 September 1953.

1 Incl

Ltr 18 Sep 53



FROM NAME OR TITLE <i>Newport cc Cones</i>	DATE 25 Sep 53
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION Cas Br, Comp L-2, Corres Darby/1D675	TELEPHONE 76340

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Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 48, and AFHQ Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.

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CITE FCUSA 7744 FROM FINKO C REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE<sup>4</sup> 8131 OF 4  
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OFFICE BE ADVISED OF ALL ORGANIZATIONS AND STATIONS TO WHICH EM WAS  
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## MEMO ROUTING SLIP

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1	NAME OR TITLE Chief, Admin Svc Div, TAGO	INITIALS	CIRCULATE
	REASON FOR ROUTING Re: LA 851, The Pentagon	DATE	COORDINATION
2	ATTN: Mr. R. B. Belnap		FILE
			INFORMATION
3			NECESSARY ACTION
			NOTE AND RETURN
4	Slovik, Eddie D. 38 896 415		SEE ME
			SIGNATURE

## REMARKS

Note memo for record. You may desire to have  
P & H Branch concur in reply.

FROM: WAF/LS/THH, Chief Clerk

DATE: 9 Oct 53

REASON FOR ROUTING: WAF/THH/LS/THH, MPRC

TEL: 777

Mrs. Pauline Serafine  
11649 Auburn Ave.  
Detroit 28, Mich.

Oct. 9, 1953

Department of the Army  
Office of the Adjutant General  
Washington 25, D.C.

Attn: Wm. E. Bergin  
Major General, USA

Ref. Pvt. Eddie D. Slovak  
#36896415

Dear Sir:

I very much regret that I have failed to receive  
an answer to my letter of September 18, 1953.

Three weeks have gone by and it is needless to  
say that I am exceedingly anxious to hear from  
you.

Won't you kindly write me by return mail, giving  
the information I requested in my previous letter?

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Respectfully yours,

*Pauline Serafine*  
Mrs. Pauline Serafine

*M/R*  
Case recd CW Sec 29 Oct  
Believe no action is nec  
since PTH Rv reply to ltr 9 18 Sept  
on 15 Oct. Wx recd from PTH Rv  
on 26 Oct. req correct add since  
their reply was ask to 11549 Auburn Ave  
PTH Rv adv on 27 Oct that add was  
11649, apparently reply was forwarded  
by PTH to Mrs Serafine.  
J/S  
CW Sec  
30 Oct 53



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Mrs. Pauline Bergin  
1142 Auburn Ave.  
Detroit 28, Mich.

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Oct. 9, 1953

Department of the Army  
Office of the Adjutant General  
Washington 25, D.C.

Attn: Mr. E. Bergin  
Major General, USA

Ref. Pvt. Eddie B. Blower  
3888415

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Thanking you in advance, I am,

Respectfully yours,

*Pauline Bergin*  
Mrs. Pauline Bergin





AGCT 201 Slovik, Eddie D.  
38 896 415 (3 Sep 53)

15 October 1953

Mrs. Pauline Serafine  
11549 Auburn Avenue  
Detroit 28, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Serafine:

First of all I wish to again express my regrets because of the delay in answering your inquiries of 3 September and 18 September. This was occasioned by the fact that the files, which are normally kept in my St. Louis office, had been called in here in connection with your several previous inquiries, some of which were sent St. Louis and some of which were sent here. After the file had been returned to St. Louis, your later inquiry was received here, so was sent to St. Louis. The complete file and unanswered letters are now here and I trust that your inquiries can now be fully answered.

Your brother did not die in the regular course of action but was executed 31 January 1945 at St. Marie, France. Having been found guilty of absenting himself without proper leave with intent to avoid action against the enemy, he was sentenced by a General Court-Martial to be shot, which sentence had been confirmed by duly designated authority.

Not knowing which records Mr. Huie showed you, it is not possible to answer your question regarding their authenticity. As stated in my letter of 28 August, Mr. Huie has not been granted access to any of your brother's records which are in my custody. He is not connected with my office, and as far as I know, is not connected with any other Government agency but is a professional writer.

In compliance with Department of the Army policy, information concerning the death of any member of the Army is given the Emergency Addressee designated by that member, which in the case of your brother was his wife, Mrs. Antoinette W. Slovik. As explained in previous letters, this was done. This information is also given to other members of the serviceman's immediate family only upon their specific request.

As your brother's file is now being returned to my St. Louis office, it is suggested that should you have any further questions regarding it, you write there.

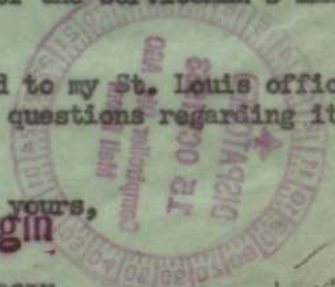
Sincerely yours,  
**Wm. E. Bergin**

WM. E. BERGIN  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General

Letter dispatch to Mrs.  
Serafine.

See next page for Memo for  
Record.

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15 October 1953

AGCT 501 Sivola, Middle B.  
38 896 415 (3 Sep 53)

Mrs. Pauline Seraline  
11549 Ashmun Avenue  
Detroit 28, Michigan

Dear Mrs. Seraline:

First of all I wish to again express my regrets because of the delay in answering your inquiries of 3 September and 18 September. This was occasioned by the fact that the files, which are normally kept in my St. Louis office, had been called in here in connection with your several previous inquiries, some of which were sent St. Louis and some of which were sent here. After the files had been returned to St. Louis, your later inquiry was received here, so was sent to St. Louis. The complete file and unanswered letters are now here and I trust that your inquiries can now be fully answered.

Your brother did not die in the regular course of action but was executed in January 1945 at St. Maurice, France. Having been found guilty of deserting himself without proper leave with intent to avoid action against the enemy, he was sentenced by a General Court-Martial to death, which sentence had been confirmed by duly designated authority.

Not knowing which records in this show you, it is not possible to answer your question regarding their authenticity. As stated in my letter of 28 August, Mr. Lida has not been granted access to any of your brother's records which are in my custody. He is not connected with my office, and as far as I know, is not connected with any other Government agency but is a professional writer.

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Wm. E. Bergin

Wm. E. BERGIN  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General

Letter dispatch to Mrs. Seraline.

See next page for Memo for Record.

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Memo for Record - See M/R 15 Sep and others

This ltr answers inquiries of Pauline Serafine dated 3 Sep and 18 Sep, which ltrs had been sent MPRC by Cas Er for answering. MPRC had prepared proposed answer, sending it to ASD for co-ordination and they in turn referred it to P&H because of previous interest. Change was made to answer the specific request for info re nature and cause of death, which change was concurred in by ASD (Mr. Belnap) and Cas Er (Col Woodman).

Because of the potential public relations aspects, ltr was shown to PID (Col Johnson)

Ltr was also shown to Compt Div (Col Van Sickler) and Exec Office (Col Warner) both of whom concurred.

Attn invited to that portion of Memo of 15 Sep which states that Cas Er had received the expected inquiry from Jeanette Slovik, which had been sent on to MPRC. Apparently this was in error, the ltr received being the 3 Sep inquiry from Pauline, deceased's sister, not his widow. As of this date, no record of the expected inquiry from Jeanette has been rec'd by Cas Er.

File being returned to MPRC. ~~the~~

HGW (Col Harold G. Wilson)



Mrs. Pauline Serafine  
11649 Auburn Ave.,  
Detroit 28, Mich.  
September 18, 1953

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Department of the Army,  
Office of the Adjutant General,  
Washington 25, D. C.

ATT: Wm. E. Bergin  
Major General, USA

REF: Pvt. Eddie D. Slovik  
#36896415

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 15, received and I am deeply grateful to you for the attention you have given this matter this far.

However, I must admit that I am in quite a quandary and regret it is necessary to trouble you again.

In my letter of September 3, I requested details regarding my brother's death and I am sure you understand why. Naturally, when we were informed recently by a certain William Bradford Huie and shown papers or documents, which he claimed were authentic, we were quite disturbed. Now however, we are at a loss to know what to say or think because in your letter of August 8, you wrote that no permission had been granted to Mr. Huie to have access to my brother's records. What I would like to know is

- (1) Did my brother die in the regular course of action, or not. If not was he executed and why, where and when.
- (2) Were the records (or copies) shown us by Mr. Huie authentic?
- (3) How did Mr. Huie have these records if they are in custody of the Adjutant General and no permission was granted to him to have access to same.
- (4) Does Mr. Huie have any connection with the Adjutant Generals Office, or any other Government Agency, and how do you suppose he gained the papers and information he passed on to us?

Assuring you your early reply will be deeply appreciated.  
I am yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Pauline Serafine

Mrs. Pauline Serafine



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Mrs. Louise Germaine  
11849 Ardmore Ave.,  
Detroit 28, Mich.  
September 18, 1953

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Department of the Army  
Office of the Adjutant General  
Washington 25, D. C.

ATTN: Mr. E. Bergin  
Major General, USA  
Mrs. Louise Germaine  
11849 Ardmore Ave.,  
Detroit 28, Mich.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of September 15, received and I am deeply  
grateful to you for the attention you have given this matter  
this far.

However, I must admit that I am in quite a quandary and  
wonder if it is necessary to trouble you again.

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ing my brother's death and I am sure you understand why. Natur-  
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granted to him to have access to same.
- (4) Does Mr. Hulse have any connection with the  
General's Office, or any other Government agency, and  
how do you suppose he gained the papers and documents  
he passed on to us?

Assuring you your case will be dealt with as expeditiously  
as possible, I am yours sincerely,  
Mrs. Louise Germaine

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AGRC-GSP 201 Slovik, Eddie D.  
38 896 415 (18 Sep 53)

Mrs. Pauline Serafine  
11549 Auburn Avenue  
Detroit 28, Michigan

*Not Used*

Dear Mrs. Serafine:

I am referring to your letter of 18 September 1953 in which you again request information concerning the circumstances surrounding the death of your brother, Eddie D. Slovik, and the release of certain pertinent data to Mr. William Bradford Huie.

It is the policy of the Department of the Army, upon the death of a member thereof, to notify the person whom such member has designated as his emergency addressee. In conformity with this policy, information concerning the death of your brother, Eddie D. Slovik, was furnished to his wife, Mrs. Antoinette W. Slovik, 6320 Ternes Avenue, Dearborn, Michigan, who was his only designated emergency addressee of record. Any disposition which she has made, or may make, of this information, including its release to Mr. Huie, is a matter outside the jurisdiction of the Department.

Your concern in this matter is most understandable, and I regret that I am unable to be of further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

WM. E. BERGIN  
Major General, USA  
The Adjutant General

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*[Handwritten initials]*

*RETURN TO:  
HAGER  
WWII CORR SEC.*

See attached memorandum for record.

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SECURITY CLASSIFICATION (If any)  
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WASHINGTON, DC

# DISPOSITION FORM

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FILE NO.	SUBJECT		
TO	FROM	DATE	COMMENT NO. 1

11649 AUBURN AVE  
DETROIT, 28. MICHIGAN

FOR MCNALL PREC AND HIST BR

URMSG 69 OCT 26 ON EDDIE D SLOVIK 38896415 CORRECT ADD OF MRS PAULINE SERAFINE  
IS 11649 RPT 11649 AUBURN AVE DETROIT<sup>28</sup> MICH

PRIORITY

JOHNSTON-Spec  
27 Oct 53  
9:00 a. m.

SIGNATURE: *R. Spell*

THIS MESSAGE IS BEING TRANSMITTED BY WIRE ON MSG  
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18 Monterey Pl.  
Yonkers, N.Y.  
April 21, 1954

Dwight D. Eisenhower  
President of the U. S.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I have just finished reading with amazement the article in this week's Look magazine regarding the case of Pvt. Eddie Slovik who was executed as a deserter.

I was a combat infantryman with the 34th Infantry Division and know of several instances where men deserted while on the front line. Two of these men were in my own section. It was common knowledge among our men that desertion would not be punished by death. I certainly do not condone desertion among soldiers but no doubt there were hundreds of similar cases where the death sentence was not imposed. Why one single soldier was singled out for execution is beyond my comprehension.

I realize that nothing can be done now to rectify the injustice done Pvt. Slovik but certainly steps can be taken to give his widow the back pay and allowances plus the amount of insurance due at the time of his death.

As a veteran who has served honorably under the command, I beg of you to institute the proper steps so that the widow of Pvt. Slovik may receive the help that she is entitled to receive.

Sincerely yours,

S/Vincent Zebatte

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18 Monterey Pl.  
Yonkers, N.Y.  
April 21, 1954

Hon. Irving M. Ives  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Attached you will find a copy of a letter which I have sent to President Eisenhower regarding the Private Eddie Slovik affair.

I am sure that any legislation you help to have enacted in behalf of Mrs. Slovik will be greatly appreciated by every fair-minded American.

May I thank you in advance for your serious consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

S/Vincent Zebatto

Inc: 1 copy

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AGRS-DC 201 Slovik, Eddie D.  
(14 Apr 47)

25 April 1947.

Mr. Fred J. H. Schroeder  
Box 371, M. P. O.  
Dearborn, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Schroeder:

Reference is made to your letter addressed to the Adjutant General's Office, Washington, D. C., requesting information concerning the burial, benefits and insurance of Eddie D. Slovik, Army serial number 36 896 415.

The Quartermaster General of the Army, Washington 25, D. C., has jurisdiction over matters pertaining to the burial of our military personnel who die overseas. A copy of your letter has accordingly been forwarded to that officer for necessary action.

Matters pertaining to National Service Life Insurance and laws providing for practically all benefits for dependents of former soldiers are administered by the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs, Washington, D. C. For any information in connection therewith, inquiry should be addressed to that official.

Sincerely yours,

*CH*  
CHARLES D. CARLE  
Colonel, AGD  
Commanding.

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COPY FOR:  
The Quartermaster General.  
Washington 25, D. C.,  
✓ 1 Incl.  
Cpy ltr 14 Apr 47.

C. K. HEUSER

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USA INBPLS TO MPRC TAGO STL DA GRNC CITE FOUNSA 53764 FROM FINKM-E ROST  
OFFICE BE FURN FOL INFO PERTAINING TO EDDIE D SLOVIK 36 896 415  
1. VERIF OF NAME AND ASN 2. SVC NR PREFIX 3. ENL AND DISCH DATES IF  
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PENT 15 AUG 1953 THRU CLASS FILES

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FROM IGOU/CRISTE P&H BR TAGO RM 1E676 PENT

ON EDDIE D SLOVIR EXECUTED 1945 IN EUROPE L/A FROM DETROIT MICH

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MTP.R.G. RCD

AUG 14 '53 - 1 00 PM



Mrs. Pauline Serafine  
11649 Auburn Ave.,  
Detroit 28, Mich.  
VE.7-6954  
August 13, 1953

U. S. Military Record  
Personnell Center  
4300 Goodfellow  
St. Louis, Mo.

ATT: Quillo  
Information Desk

RE: EDWARD DAN SLOVIK  
36896415

Gentlemen:

As of our conversation of August 13, 1953 in which you advised me to write a request directly to you for detailed information on the above deceased who is my brother.

As you may recall in our conversation that neither Ed's mother nor I had been informed of his death or the cause of same. Therefore we were shocked to have Mr. William Bradford Huie break the news of Edward's execution. However I can't understand why his records were de-classified and released to someone whom we don't know. We can't understand Mr. Huie's purpose or his interest in possessing these records. His explanation was that he could write a story on this and make it a startling one at that, when one boy among so many desert-ers was executed. It is history in itself when one considers it hasn't happened in approximately 90 years.

However, you could help me clear matters if you could send me information on the following:

*Now w/ TAG*  
*Contact TAG* Has permission been granted to Mr. Huie to have these records? Has anyone been notified in the event of Edward's death? Who? *EA* Is the insurance still unclaimed? Who's beneficiary? Is it still collectable if unclaimed at the present time? How did Mr. Huie know who was beneficiary? *VA*

He told us he saw the insurance papers.

My best to you since it means a great deal for my widowed mother and to me to know these things.

Thanking you I remain,

Very truly yours,

*Mrs. Pauline Serafine*

Mrs. Pauline Serafine

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