

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 30 many deserters 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 JAG Has permission been granted to Mr. Huie to have these records? Has anyone been notified in the event of Edward's death? Who? *VA* 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

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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:

L. Spall

THIS MSG RCD IN COMMUNICATIONS
MPRC 19 AUG 1953 TIME.....
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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

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August 28, 1953

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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.

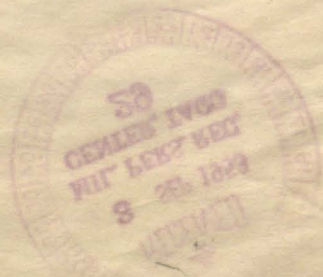
I am anxiously awaiting your answer. Please advise.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Pauline Serafine

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Handwritten signature

Army Staff, Manila

advice

I am anxiously awaiting your answer. Please

Mr. Edward D. Groat, W30000 - Manila, Phil. I. I am awaiting information on the insurance and death of two weeks have passed since I wrote to you re-

Dear Sir:

1. 10/15/53
2. 10/15/53

RE: EDWARD D. GROAT
INFORMATION DESK
ALL: CIVIL

Mr. Groat, No. 3000
Personnel Center
U. S. Military Record

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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. BERSIN
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*

~~RETURN TO L & P SECTION, TAGO/STL~~
~~PERRIN~~