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APO San Francisco 96257

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20 SEP 1970

Mr & Mrs George M. Hutten
26 Scheerer Avenue
Newark, New Jersey 07112

Dear Mr and Mrs Hutten:


Please accept my sincere and deep regrets for the loss of your son, Specialist Four Walter W. Hutten. I assure you that I feel his loss as much as I would a member of my own family. I knew him well and he was a credit to his family, his country and his unit. All of Walter's comrades held him in the highest esteem and extend their heartfelt sympathy also.

I fully realize that you must have numerous questions as to the circumstances involving the death of your son. I hope this letter will answer most of the questions for you. If it does not, please do not hesitate to request any additional information you may desire.

On 17 September 1970, at approximately six o'clock in the evening while participating in a combat patrol near Qui Nhe, Republic of Vietnam, Walter was mortally wounded in the chest by an enemy mine fragment. He was evacuated by helicopter, within minutes, to the nearest hospital but his wounds were so serious that he died enroute.

Memorial services were held on 22 September at Di An Chapel and attended by all members of Walter's unit. In addition, a Catholic requiem mass was also conducted in his behalf. All of his personal property has been collected and will be forwarded to you as rapidly as possible.

Sincerely



JOSEPH H. BLANCHARD JR.
Major, Armor
Commanding

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SUBJECT

AGPC-R (28322)

Military Casualty in Vietnam as
the Result of Hostile Action

TO Chief of Staff

FROM TAG

DATE 30 Sep 70

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Correspondence Branch

LTC Libbs / sth / 38084

Room 3C 715, The Pentagon

The following named individual has been reported dead in Vietnam as the result of hostile action:

NAME: SP4 Walter W. Hutton, SSAN: 144-42-6246

ORGANIZATION: Air Cav Tpt, 11th ACR APO SF 96257

DATE OF CASUALTY: 17 Sep 70

CIRCUMSTANCES: Individual was killed while on a combat operation
when a booby trap detonated.

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF NEXT OF KIN: Mr. & Mrs. George M. Hutton (PARENTS)
26 Scheerer Avenue (PNOK)
Newark, New Jersey 07112 ✓

ARMY AREA: ONE

CHILDREN: NONE

FOR THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

DONALD L. GEER
Colonel, AGC
Executive Officer, TAGO

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TO:

E. Massive penetrating frag wound to right thigh and partial amputation both feet.

F. On search and clear msn. Detonated hostile booby trap, and engaged hostile force in fire fight. XT 795 276 Binh Duong (23) III MR RVN.

G. 17 Sep 70 at 1810 hrs, rpt, 17 Sep 70 at 1810 hrs

H. READY

I. BP: 231 60 ADD. PAY: POWEA, FORGE BPED: 21 Nov 68

SGLI: FIFTEEN/NO OP/MOTHER/SIB ITEM K TL UNDER UCMJ: NONE

K. Mr & Mrs. George M. Sutton (P), 26 Scheerer Ave., Newark, NJ
 DA FORM 41 dtd (Prep date unk), Reviewed 4 Jun 70

L. 14 Nov 68

M. NEG

N. NDSM, VSM, VCM, SpS M-14, SpS M-16, Exp grenade

O. ROMAN CATHOLIC (UNK)

P. 9 Nov 51

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