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Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Dahlke
Waterville
Washington

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Dahlke:

We now have packaged and ready to send to you via registered mail the photograph of William Dahlke. We want to thank you for your kind cooperation in furnishing us with this material, and I hope you find the contents of the package in order. In the event I have failed to return any material you sent us, please advise immediately. I have been extremely careful with the photographs and data furnished us, and I so hope no discrepancies occur. However, do not hesitate to notify me if such is the case.

Just as soon as additional funds are available, we will pursue the printing of the brochure. You will be notified when it is off the press, and a copy will be forwarded to you.

Thanking you again for your kind cooperation, I am

Very truly yours,

Mrs. T. S. Meade
Secretary to Doctor Holland

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Information:

Info:

a Major of the army engineer corps at Geiger Field came to Newport to present Mrs. William M. Dahlke the Bronze Star awarded her husband, Capt. Dahlke, posthumously.

The citation which is signed by Major H. K. Wallace, assistant adjutant general, came from headquarters of the 87th Infantry division read as follows: -

④ William M. Dahlke, Captain Company F, 347th Infantry Regiment, for heroic achievement in action against an armed enemy of the United States near Dernont, Germany, in March, 1945. During that period Captain Dahlke distinguished himself by courageously leading his men in attacks on the Siegfried line. His aggressive actions and leadership were an inspiration to his men and aided greatly the successful completion of the battalion's mission. Capt. Dahlke's heroism and devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the United States Army. By command of Brigadier General Curran. ⑤ (Newport News)

Capt. Dahlke, a member of the army reserve corps was called into service Jan. 30, 1942 and went overseas in Oct., 1944 where he participated in many major battles. He was Company Commander in the 87th Division, and was killed in action on March 18, 1945.

William Martin Dahlke - born Aug 19, 1916 in Waterville, Wm. In 1933 entered the State College of Wash., graduating in 1937. While here a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity, sophomore class president, a member of Board of Contests, Scabbards & Blade, Crimson Circle, Gray "W." Big Chief of the Men's Big Five, & basketball Captain of the 1936-37 northern division champions.