



HEADQUARTERS
THIRTIETH INFANTRY DIVISION

OFFICE OF
COMMANDING GENERAL

A. P. O. 30, U. S. Army
16 November 1944

Major General R. W. Crawford
G-4, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Force
A. P. O. 757, U. S. Army

Dear Dave:

It was a pleasure to hear from you again through your letter of 1 November 1944. The facts that you ask for are about as follows:

2d Lt. Henry V. Crawford, III, O1165487, was serving as a Combat Liaison Officer for the 197th Field Artillery Battalion when he was killed in action on 26 July 1944. The map coordinates of the approximate place of death are (46246943), St. Lo sheet, 34/16 NW, 1/25,000.

There are no specific details available with regard to Lt. Crawford's death, except that it is thought he was caught in an enemy artillery or mortar concentration. The only person with the officer at the time was his driver, who was also killed. There are no known witnesses to his death. As you state in your letter, Lt. Crawford was buried in LaCambe Cemetery, near Isigny, France.

The reply to Colonel Clark's inquiry was forwarded to him on 23 September 1944 by the Commanding Officer, 197th Field Artillery Battalion. This reply was forwarded through the Headquarters European Theater of Operations (Attn: AG Casualty Division) A.P.O. 871, in accordance with Theater directives in effect at that time.

You, of course, are familiar with the directives reference to the transmission of information of this type outside of the theater as embodied in Circular 94, your headquarters, as amended by Circular 104. I regret that there is no further information that I can give you, but the circumstances surrounding this young man's death are such that none other is available.

We have been plugging along for a long time and are poised to push forward again. It would be a pleasure to run up to your headquarters and see the group up there, and get a change of scenery. Perhaps that may be possible in the not distant future. Should you find it possible to break away from your arduous duties and make a trip along some of the fronts, please come down and see us. You can rest assured that there will



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(Ltr. Maj.Gen. R.W. Crawford, 16 Nov 1944)

be bed and board for you as long as you can stay, and we will give you the history of a good fighting division, of which I am very proud.

Best regards to you and all mutual friends.

Faithfully,

~~L. S. HOBBS~~
Major General, U. S. Army
Commanding.

December 7, 1944.

My dear Mrs. Crawford:

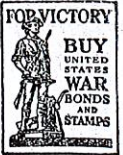
At the request of the President, I write to inform you that the Purple Heart has been awarded posthumously to your husband, Second Lieutenant Henry V. Crawford, III, Field Artillery, who sacrificed his life in defense of his country.

Little that we can do or say will console you for the death of your loved one. We profoundly appreciate the greatness of your loss, for in a very real sense the loss suffered by any of us in this battle for our country, is a loss shared by all of us. When the medal, which you will shortly receive, reaches you, I want you to know that with it goes my sincerest sympathy, and the hope that time and the victory of our cause will finally lighten the burden of your grief.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Henry L. Stimson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Henry L. Stimson".

Mrs. Diana A. Crawford,
161 South Marshall,
Hartford, Connecticut.



WAR DEPARTMENT

THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

IN REPLY REFER TO:

AGPD- R 201 Crawford, Henry V. III WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
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28 February 1945

Mrs. Ruth A. Crawford
67 Stonebridge Road
Montclair, New Jersey

Dear Mrs. Crawford:

I have the honor to inform you that, by direction of the President, the Silver Star has been posthumously awarded to your son, Second Lieutenant Henry V. Crawford, III, Field Artillery, The citation is as follows:

SILVER STAR

"For gallantry in action from 18 June to 12 July 1944, in ***. Lieutenant Crawford was assigned to duty as forward observer for an artillery unit supporting attacking infantry forces. Over a long period of time, he gave unstintingly of himself in the performance of his duties in a superior manner. He was constantly subjected to heavy hostile fire, and persevered long hours in accomplishing the tasks assigned him. When our forces were attacking a strongly held enemy town, Lieutenant Crawford voluntarily moved to an extremely exposed position in advance of the leading infantry elements in order to coordinate artillery fire, and his efforts materially assisted the infantry in completing its mission. The personal bravery, and unselfish devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Crawford reflect great credit on himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the Armed Forces."

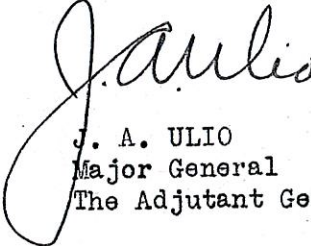
The decoration will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Second Service Command, Governors Island, New York, who will select an officer

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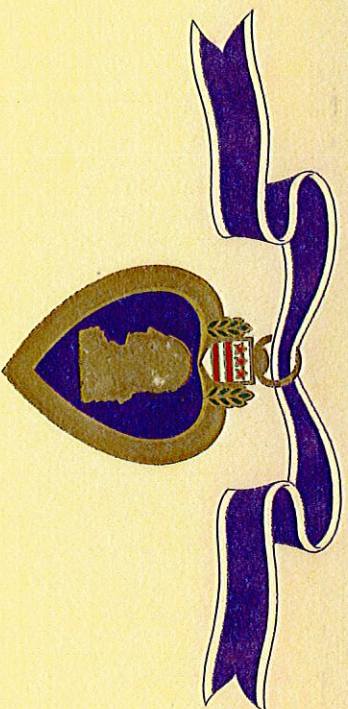
to make the presentation. The officer selected will communicate with you concerning your wishes in the matter.

May I express my deepest sympathy to you in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. A. Ulrio". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

J. A. ULIO
Major General
The Adjutant General



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY VESTED IN HIM BY CONGRESS
HAS AWARDED THE

PURPLE HEART

ESTABLISHED BY GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON
AT NEWBURGH, NEW YORK, AUGUST 7, 1782
TO

Second Lieutenant Henry B. Crawford, 111., A.S.No. 0-1165487,
FOR MILITARY MERIT AND FOR WOUNDS RECEIVED
IN ACTION

resulting in his death July 26, 1944.

OFFICIAL: GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON
THIS 5th DAY OF December 1944

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