

5-8-21

Mr. Wayne Dunn,
620 Coachmans Way
Parkton, Maryland
21120

Sir,

Wonderful to talk with you the evening
of May 7th — As per our conversation, I
am sending all the information that I have
pertaining to Mr. Robert W. Scheffel.

If there is any additional
info that I may be able
to provide you with — please
let me know.

Thank you for your time,
and consideration.

Sincerely,
Bill Stahl

Bill Stahl
507 Briarwood dr. Apt. 7-D
Enterprise, AL 36330

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Ph# 308-390-6655

Boyd Rutledge
10132 Goodrich Rd.
Bloomington, MN 55437

106TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION



Robert W. Scheffel
2219 N. Park Ave.
Grand Island, NE 68803

File to me membership
8-16-93



106th INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION

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Boyd Rutledge, Adjutant - 10132 Goodrich Rd, Bloomington, MN 55437 - 612-831-5559

Welcome to Life Membership

Enclosed is your new "Life Member" card for the 106th Infantry Division Association.

If you have not already received your first copy of the "Cub" it will be arriving shortly. John Kline, editor, does not have an inexhaustible supply of prior issues but will send the current issue if it is still available.

New members should also be aware that 106th shoulder patches are available at a cost of \$2.00 each, including postage. Checks should be made out to 106th Inf. Div. Assn. and sent to me at the address shown below. Also available are the 4" Jacket patch for \$6.50 including postage.

Please keep us posted on any changes in your address. Both John Kline and I maintain a roster for mailing purposes and exchange new data as it comes in.

Again, welcome to "Life Membership", may it be lengthy and enjoyable!

Sincerely,

Boyd A. Rutledge
Adjutant

Thanks for change to "Life" membership. This eliminates a lot of record keeping and mailing of envelopes back & forth.

Boyd

8-16-93

Mr. Scheffel's Copy

Grand Island, Nebraska
February 3, 1949

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

Attention: Operations Branch

Dear Sirs:

Attached is my sworn statement, certified copy of WD AGO Form 53-55, photostatic copy of Separation Qualification Record, and copies of three telegrams from the Adjutant General's Office dated January 12, 1945, April 18, 1945 and May 28, 1945.

Please consider this my claim for compensation as a former prisoner of war under provisions of the War Claims Act of 1945, Public Law 896, 80th Congress.

The Hall County Chapter of the American Red Cross advised and assisted me in preparing and submitting this claim.

Yours very truly,

Robert W. Scheffel
1503 West Front Street
Grand Island, Nebraska
(37486909)

encl.

AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NEBRASKA)
) ss.
COUNTY OF HALL)

ROBERT W. SCHUFFEL

of the City of Grand Island, County of Hall, State of Nebraska, being duly sworn and of legal age, doth depose and say:

That I enlisted in the Army of the United States on 3 January, 1944 and served until separated on 23 November, 1945.

That my Army serial number was 37 488 909; that my rank was Corporal and that my organization was Co. A, 422nd Regiment, 106th Infantry Division.

That my home address at the time of entry into service was the same as my present address - 1503 West Front Street, Grand Island, Nebraska.

That I was serving with the 106th Infantry Division in Combat near St. Vith on 19th December, 1944.

That I was captured by the Military forces of the German Government on 19 December, 1944 and remained in such captivity until liberated 15 May, 1945.

That I was assigned a Prisoner of War number 311981.

That immediately after being captured I was forced to march to Cologne; that I was then entrained in a railroad boxcar to Stalag IV-B, arriving about 28 December, 1944; that I was held there for about two weeks for interrogation; that I was then entrained to Bradshandon where I was held until 6 May, 1945 and where I was forced to work in a horse feed factory for 12 hours a day; that on 6 May, 1945 I was removed from this camp and forced to march toward the allied lines; that while on this march, the Russian Air Force bombed and strafed the roads; that during one raid five other Americans and myself escaped from the Germans.

That after escaping, we were first met by the Russian Armed forces who gave us bicycles; that on these bicycles we continued toward the American lines which we met on 15 May, 1945; that the United States Army immediately sent us to Camp Lucky Strike for processing.

That during the entire period of captivity I was deprived by the German Government of the quality and quantity of food to which I was entitled under the terms of the Geneva Convention, being fed generally only one meal a day which consisted of black bread and turnips.

That during the period from 11 January, 1945 to 6 May, 1945 while forced to work in a Horse Feed Factory, I was paid approximately 23 German Marks every two weeks.

That personal property in the form of a Brown Cameo Ring valued at \$34.00 and \$43.00 of American money were taken from me by the Germans and were not returned.

That this affidavit is made as a claim for compensation at the rate of \$1.00 a day for each day that I was held in captivity during which time the Government of the enemy failed to furnish the quantity and quality of food to which I was entitled as provided in the War Claims Act of 1945, Public Law 896, 80th Congress.

That this affidavit is also a claim for any compensation to which I may be entitled in the future for mistreatment, labor performed without pay, or property seized while I was a Prisoner of War.

and further deponent says not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me a Notary Public in and for said City of Grand Island, County of Hall, State of Nebraska, on this _____ day of _____, 1949.

Notary Public

My commission expires:

July 31, 1996



Mr. Jim Peck
6925 Shelby St
Indianapolis, Indiana 46227

Dear Jim, a fellow Christian and Ex P.O.W.:

This letter comes to you because of a conversation I had with Bob Armao at my Lutheran Church, Trinity, in Grand Island, Ne. in the month of July. Bob, with his wife Ruth and children, were in Grand Island because that is where Herbert and Joanne Heider live who are the parents of Ruth. Heider's are also fellow Lutherans at Trinity, in fact, Herb and I are just about the same age. Went to school together at our Lutheran school. I was confirmed one year ahead of Herb. He remained in G.I. and at Trinity. Herb raised a family of six children, worked hard and diligent as well as trustworthy as a builder of many homes in and around this area. He is also a good Christian example as a father, employer, church worker in many capacities and a man in the Word. One can say much the same for Joanne, Herb's wife. She taught in our kindergarten class room for many years and just recently retired. As you may surmise by now, my respect for the Herb and Joanne family is very desirable because of their Christian characteristics, especially their belief in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

Now getting back to the reason for this letter. While talking with Bob Armao before a Bible class, he mentioned your name because you are an ex P.O.W. just as I am. I was very young when captured in the Battle of the Bulge in Europe, 19 years old and much to learn about life. You don't expect to be a prisoner of war and certainly not trained for such an experience.

I was born in 1925 and raised in Grand Island with a twin sister as well as two older sisters. Our Mother died at the age of 29 and so did one of my sisters at the age of 9½ in 1932. My father re-married in 1935 and from this marriage one son was born, William James, who is 13 years younger than myself. He is married and lives in San Diego, California.

My grandfather, William Scheffel came from Germany as a stone mason and this is the kind of business he started in the early 1900's in Grand Island. He had four sons and all but one worked in the Scheffel and Sons Monument Co. One son became a Lutheran minister. My father worked his whole life in the Scheffel Monument Co just as I did. So I was the third generation but since I did get married but had no children and the older Scheffels died, the Scheffel Monument Co was sold.

I retired at the age of 61½ due to a heart problem. When two doctors tell you to hang up the tools, that is what was done. My wife had retired one year before. She had worked 40 years for a local bank as the supervisor of the bookkeeping dept. So we have been retired for ten years.

My active military service started in Nov of 1943. Was trained to be a Military Policeman, M.P. but went overseas Oct. 1944 as a BAR Gunner. Due to the fact that my vision is very poor in left eye, glasses had to be worn at all times and I was very conscious of this handicap. My weight then was around 143 lbs, 5' 10", with average build. My ability to sing was a gift from God and this I participated in throughout my life. Since my heart problem, my singing time has been reduced considerably since there are times when my voice is rather weak. Could be due to all the stone dust involved in my vocation.

As stated, I went overseas with the 106th Inf. Division in Oct. 1944. Trained in England for several weeks and then went across the Channel and landed in La Harve, France where we were transported to the front lines by truck convoy. My stay on the front lines lasted ten days and was captured Dec 19 near St. Vith in Belgium. Germany's last great push of World War II. The push into the Ardennes Forest in Dec of 1944, became popularly known as The Battle of the Bulge and resulted in many largely green United States Troops being killed or captured. After capture, we prisoners were loaded 60 into a boxcar and transported for nine days to our internment Camp. Due to the change of food, many of us got dysentery and the toilet facilities

were none. In the nine days in this boxcar, one might have received a half loaf of black bread with very little water. These boxcars the prisoners were forced into had previously been transporting horses. So before we prisoners were put in the cars, the Germans threw some straw and hay over the horse manure and this was our accommodations for nine days. Since the cars were unmarked, the prisoners were accosted by friendly aircraft who strafed the train throughout the trip. Myself and around 95 other American P.O.W. ended up at Bad Schandau where we worked at a horse feed factory. Bad Schandau is around 25 miles southeast of Dresden and located on the Elbe River.

The Germans were quite aware that the Russian Army, eager to reap revenge for gruesome atrocities perpetrated on their homeland, was drawing ever closer to their positions and moved further east of the Elbe River.

Eventually, the Germans decided to evacuate the American P.O.W. and the civilians as the sounds of battle grew closer. The roads were jammed with evacuees. Our German guards loaded all of the things they needed into some wagons. I'll give you one guess who the beast of burden were, we the American P.O.W. Russian shelling of the highway made the going hazardous for us, the German soldiers and non-combatant alike.

It was during one of these shelling and strafing, when eight of us American P.O.W.'s bolted from the group and we took off on our own hiking across the country side. One of the eight men could speak some German, so we did get some help from Civilians as to what direction we should go. Although we did not learn of our actual liberation until May 15, 1945, the eight of us had an inclination when the Russians occupied the Czechoslavkian village of Aussig on May 9. We pulled off the road into a clump of trees while the Russians shelled the town and then hiked into town to get some food.

It was there that the eight American "requisitioned" some bicycles to ease the burden on our feet. Our goal was to pedal to Carlsbad, which is where we heard the American soldiers concentrated.

Arriving in Kongstein, we met a young Russian soldier who invited us to have dinner. I don't know if it was pork or beef stew--but it tasted real good because we had lived on turnip soup and water with black bread for five months. If there is anything that tastes awful, its turnips cooked in water and that's all! And you live on that for five months. In order to get this meal you had to work for 12 hours in the horse feed factory at Bad Schandau--no work, no food.

The Russian soldier led us to a school dormitory where we could bed down for one night, complete with feather beds. Awakened the next morning by loud voices, we looked out the windows of the building to see Russian soldiers riding our bicycles. We were a little mad at first, but then we didn't exactly pay for the bicycles ourselves, so it was only fair. So we resumed our journey on foot again.

Learning of a camp where the Russians had been held prisoners, we found the Soviets in a jovial mood. They had gone into town and had plenty of booze and having a party. They gave us all we wanted. None of us had had much to eat so we didn't dare to drink it. Whatever it was, it tasted awful and none of us had such a drink before--probably Vodka. Although the Russians were pretty well inebriated by now, they kept pouring us drinks, and we kept dumping it out underneath the table. One of the Russians told us that they had found some of their former German captors in the town, and shot them all. That's why they were celebrating. They had evened the score.

Each of us were given a loaf of bread to carry under our arm as we set off on our journey again. Eventually, we boarded a train which was going to Carlsbad, full of civilians, ex-POW's and whoever wanted to escape the Russians and get to the west where the U S Army was located. It was May 15, 1945 when we met the U.S. Military Army.

The first procedure of the U S Army was to get our name, rank, and serial number. Then came the process of getting us clean bodily,

clean clothes, physical exams and then flew us to Camp Lucky Strike which was in France. Here each P.O.W. was taken care of as to whatever he needed for physical help and rebuilding your body in all sorts of ways.

Many P.O.W.'s had malnutrition, lost much weight, wounded and needed physical as well as spiritual care. My personal condition was not so bad, lost considerable weight, had frozen feet, hated turnip soup and have not had any since and don't really plan that on any of my menus.

As I mentioned before, I wore glasses and needed them at all times. God had an angel take care of those glasses because I never broke them or lost them. In the same manner with migraine headaches. As a kid in grade school and high school I had many bad migraine headaches, but not a one in P.O.W. days. Maybe the diet had something to do with that problem. The experience is not one I'd like to repeat but I appreciate my friends in America a lot more because of my captivity by the Germans.

There Are many incidents I have not mentioned and to be sure there are many specifics I've forgotten. Many years went by without much conversation about the P.O.W. days. Since my retirement, I've joined the American Ex-Prisoner of War and go to meetings here in Grand Island where we usually have 25 to 32 men attend. I get a 10% compensation or disability check each month and have received this for many years. This check was one I put in an investment after I got married.

I do volunteer work at our Veterans Hospital which is only four blocks from my house. I can get my prescriptions filled, after seeing a VA doctor, for \$2.00 a prescription which I've done since my retirement. We also have a Nebraska State Veterans home in Grand Island where I volunteer every Friday afternoon for a Lutheran Church service. It is good to help people and talk with them, listen to them and give them a smile.

My wife Viola, or Vi, is also a native of G.I., Lutheran and a good Christian wife. I'm 71 years old, she is 14 months older than me.

We got married in our Lutheran Church-106⁰, on June 15, 1952 and I was in a wheelchair with a broken leg which happened two weeks before we were to be married. A monument fell on my left leg and broke it very quickly. It took 7 months before I could earn a better pay check than \$29.00 from Workman's Comp. Today, I think this is my best leg. Vi was singing in our church choir and this is where we got acquainted. We have no children but do have fifteen God children, so went to many birthdays, confirmations, graduations and weddings.

Please forgive me for such a long introductory letter but you see this is something I enjoy doing, trying to get acquainted because we have something in common, namely our P.O.W. days and our Christian background.

The church was a very important part of my father's life and so it is with my wife and I. We have supported the Lutheran Church in many ways and still do today. God willing this is an important factor of our pilgrimage while here on earth, for "He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life, no one comes to the Father except through me" meaning Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Thank you for taking the time spent in reading this letter. If you would care to answer this letter, I would be most happy and appreciative of your efforts and time.

I remain, yours in Christ

Robert "Bob" Scheffel
Ex-P.O.W, number 311981
U S Army No. 37488909



ROBERT W SCHEFFEL
2219 N PARK AVE
GRAND ISLAND, NE 68803-2129

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION
LEGISLATION AND REPORTS SERVICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

WCC Form 801
January 1950
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REPORT OF LOSS OR DAMAGE TO REAL OR PERSONAL PROPERTY
ARISING OUT OF WORLD WAR II

It is understood that submission of this questionnaire does not constitute a formal claim for benefits. Information is submitted for consideration of the War Claims Commission and for possible inclusion in its report to the Congress under Section 8 of the War Claims Act (Public Law 896, 80th Congress, July 3, 1948), as amended. Reports of personal injury, detention, death, etc., should be filed on WCC Form 802. Please type or print answers to all questions.

1. Name of Person or Firm Robert William Scheffel
suffering loss, etc. (Name in Full)
Address 1503 West Front Street Grand Island, Nebraska
(Street and Number) (City or Town) (Zone) (State)
(If you are preparing this form on behalf of some other person or firm, indicate your name and address and relationship to such person or firm).

(Name in Full)

(Relationship)

(Street and Number)

(City or Town)

(Zone)

(State)

2. Nationality of Person or Firm suffering loss, etc.:
At time of loss or damage American Soldier
As of date this form is completed American Citizen
Date of naturalization (if any) None

3. Nature of Claim. (If you wish to report more than one class of claim, please use a separate form for each type.)

Loss or seizure of personal property Reimbursement for funds expended
 Damage to personal property Blocked capital funds
 Loss or seizure of real property Sequestered income
 Damage to real property Other (Specify):
 Maritime

4. Estimate of Damage. (Include date as of when estimate is made and currency basis.)

Estimate on Brown Cameo Ring, as of date when taken from Robert William Scheffel, Dec. 19, 1944; \$34.00 Also estimate of \$43.00 on that said amount of money taken from Robert William Scheffel.

5. Describe briefly the kind of property, its location, age and condition of property, summary of encumbrances on property, if any, cost at date of acquisition, and other pertinent details:

Brown Cameo Ring was seized by a German soldier on day of capture which was December 18, 1944. Ring was purchased in October of 1944. Ring was worn two months and was in good condition when seized. The \$43.00 was seized while a German soldier was looking through billfold.

WAR CLAIMS COMMISSION
LEGISLATION AND REPORTS SERVICE
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

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REPORT OF PERSONAL INJURY, DETENTION, DEATH, ETC.
ARISING OUT OF WORLD WAR II

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1. Name of Person Suffering Injury, etc. Robert William Sheffel
(Name in Full)

Address 1503 West Front Street, Grand Island, Nebraska
(Street and Number) (City or Town) (Zone) (State)

(If you are preparing this form on behalf of some other person, indicate your name and address and your relationship to such person).

(Name in Full)

(Relationship)

(Street and Number) (City or Town) (Zone) (State)

2. Nationality of person suffering injury, etc. American Soldier
At time of injury, etc. American Citizen
As of date this form is completed None
Date of naturalization (If any).

3. Nature of Claim. (If you wish to report more than one class of claim, please use a separate form for each type.)

Personal Injury Torture In Hiding to Avoid Capture
 Impairment of Health Unpaid wages for labor Other (Specify):
 Death Detention

4. Was the person suffering injury, etc., a member of the armed forces of the United States? Yes (Yes or No). If answer is Yes, state:

(a) Branch of Service: Army

(b) Serial or Service Number(s): 37488909

(c) Dates of Duty - From: 3 Jan 44 To: 23 Nov 45

5. Was the person suffering injury, etc., ever employed by any agency of the United States Government? No (Yes or No). If answer is Yes, please state:

(a) Government agency by which employed:

(b) Dates of employment - From: To:

(c) Where employed:

Claim No. _____
(DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE)

APPLICATION FOR LIVING EX-PRISONER OF WAR BENEFITS

I hereby make application for compensation payable to ex-prisoners of war under Section 6 of the War Claims Act of 1948 (Public Law 896, 80th Congress, July 3, 1948), as amended.

1. NAME Robert William Scheffel
(First name) (Middle name) (Last name)

2. ADDRESS 1503 West Front St. Grand Island, Nebraska
(Street and number) (City or town) (Zone) (State)

3. DATE OF BIRTH July 17, 1925 PLACE OF BIRTH Grand Island, Nebr.

4. (a) Present status (Check one):
Active duty Discharged Active Reserve
Inactive Reserve Other (Specify)

(b) Present branch of service, if any (Check one):
Army Navy Air Force Marines Coast Guard
Other (Specify)

5. MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE OR SERIAL NUMBER(S)
Enlisted No. 37488909 Officer No. _____

6. BRANCH OF MILITARY OR NAVAL SERVICE AT TIME OF CAPTURE (Check one):
Army 106 Inf. Div. Navy _____ Marines _____
Coast Guard _____ Other _____ (Specify) _____

7. MILITARY OR NAVAL RANK OR RATING AT TIME OF CAPTURE Private First Class

8. DESIGNATION OF MILITARY OR NAVAL ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF CAPTURE _____
Army- 106 Infantry Division
(Example: Army-16th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division; Navy-Naval Operating Base, Guam, or U. S. S. Lexington)

9. DID YOU SERVE UNDER ANY NAME(S) OTHER THAN THE ONE GIVEN IN ANSWER TO QUESTION No. 1? No (Yes or No). IF SO, STATE THE OTHER NAME(S) AND THE TYPE AND DATES OF SERVICE RENDERED UNDER SUCH NAME(S) _____

INFORMATION CONCERNING CAPTURE OR IMPRISONMENT: (If captured more than once, attach separate sheet for following data concerning second event.)

10. (a) DATE OF CAPTURE OR IMPRISONMENT December 18, 1944

(b) PLACE OF CAPTURE In vicinity of St. Vith, Belgium

(c) INDICATE COMPLETE INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR RELEASE OR LIBERATION. SHOW DATE OF RELEASE BY ENEMY FORCES; DATE OF ARRIVAL OF AMERICAN OR ALLIED RESCUE PARTY; AND DATE AND PLACE OF RETURN TO ALLIED MILITARY CONTROL:

Date of Release by Enemy Forces; May 8, 1945

Date of Arrival of Americans; May 15, 1945

Date & Place of Return to Allied Control; May 16, 1945
Karlsbad, Germany

(d) PLACES AND DATES OF CONFINEMENT:

Place	From—	To—
Stalag 1VB	Dec. 30, 1944	Jan. 10, 1945
Bad Schandau	Jan. 11, 1945	May 7, 1945

(e) INDICATE THE DATES AND DURATION OF ANY PERIOD OF TRANSIT TO OR FROM, OR PERIODS OF TRANSFER BETWEEN PRISON CAMPS:

From Place of Capture to Stalag 1VB, Dec. 18, 1944 to
Dec. 30, 1944

From Stalag 1VB to Bad Schandau, Jan. 10, 1945 to Jan. 11, 1945

(f) INDICATE PRISONER OF WAR NUMBER(S) ASSIGNED (if known) 311981

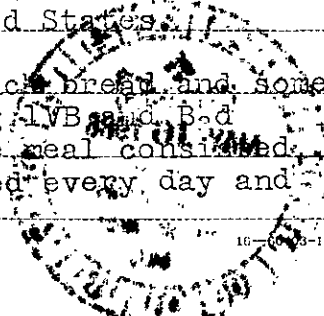
INFORMATION CONCERNING TREATMENT DURING IMPRISONMENT:

11. (a) DURING YOUR IMPRISONMENT WERE YOU, AS AN INDIVIDUAL, EVER ALLOWED SPECIAL PRIVILEGES BY YOUR CAPTORS IN THE FORM OF ADDITIONAL RATIONS OF FOOD OR DRINK? No (Yes or No).
(b) DURING YOUR IMPRISONMENT, DID YOU EVER RECEIVE A DIFFERENT QUANTITY OR QUALITY OF FOOD FROM YOUR CAPTORS THAN WAS FURNISHED GENERALLY TO UNITED STATES PRISONERS OF YOUR GRADE OR RANK IN YOUR CAMP? Yes (Yes or No).
(c) DID YOU, AS AN INDIVIDUAL, EVER RECEIVE PUNISHMENT IN THE FORM OF REDUCED RATIONS OF FOOD OR DRINK? No (Yes or No).
(d) DID YOU, DURING ABSENCES FROM THE PRISON CAMP, ON LABOR DETAILS OR OTHERWISE, RECEIVE ADDITIONAL RATIONS OF FOOD OR DRINK? No (Yes or No).

IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF THE ABOVE PARTS OF QUESTION 11 IS YES, PLEASE EXPLAIN BRIEFLY THE REASON FOR THE DIFFERENT TREATMENT, AS WELL AS THE DATES, DURATION, AND PLACES WHERE SUCH TREATMENT OCCURRED.

11.(b) Through out my entire prisoner of war experience, the quality and quantity of food received was not equal to what the prisoner of war people received here in the United States.

During transit periods, usually received some black bread and some water and that was all. During my stay at Stalag 1VB and Bad Schandau, received one meal each day and that one meal consisted of turnips and some black bread. That we received every day and the same ration every day.



PRISONER OF WAR (POW) MEDAL APPLICATION/INFORMATION

(Please read Privacy Act Statement and instructions on reverse before completing form. All entries should be typed or printed. If more space is needed, continue in remarks block on reverse.)

Form Approved
OMB No. 0704-0288
Expires Jan 31, 1991

SECTION I - PRISONER OF WAR IDENTIFICATION DATA

1. NAME OF PRISONER OF WAR (Last, First, Middle) SCHEFFEL, Robert William		2. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER 506 20 3800	3. VA CLAIM NUMBER C-06 617 819
4. SERVICE NUMBER 37 488 909	5. PLACE OF BIRTH Grand Island, Nebraska		6. DATE OF BIRTH July 17, 1925
7. BRANCH OF SERVICE Army Infantry	8. DATE CONFINED AS POW December 18, 1944	9. UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT/ATTACHMENT WHEN CAPTURED Co. A, 422nd INF 106th Division	
10. DATE RELEASED AS POW May 16, 1945 Karlsbad, Germany			

11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (Place of imprisonment, disposition after release, or escape, recapture and release data)
POW #311981, captured in vicinity of St. Vith, Belgium. Was at Stalag IV B from December 30, 1944 to January 10, 1945, then from Stalag IV B to Bad Schandau January 10, 1945 to January 11, 1945, then at Bad Schandau from January 11, 1945, to May 8, 1945.

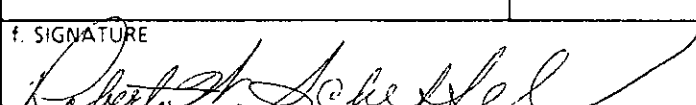
I escaped from Bad Schandau May 8, 1945. We then went into Czechoslovakia in hiding. We met the Russian in this country. We then proceeded into Germany and met American soldiers on May 15, 1945. We were then put into Camp Lucky Strike in France (hospital for prisoners of war) and from there we were sent home.

NOTE: PLEASE INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION WITH APPLICATION

- If available, attach copies of WD AGO Form 53-55, DD Form 214, or other appropriate separation document issued at that time confirming POW Status.
- If available, attach copies of documents specifying POW status, i.e., telegram notification to next of kin, POW identification card, newspaper articles.

12. CURRENT STATUS (X one)				13. DATE OF RETIREMENT, DISCHARGE, OR DEATH	
<input type="checkbox"/> a. Reserve	<input type="checkbox"/> b. Retired	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> c. Discharged	<input type="checkbox"/> d. Deceased		

SECTION II - APPLICANT INFORMATION / FORWARDING INSTRUCTIONS

14.a. APPLICANT RELATIONSHIP TO POW (X one)		15. FORWARD POW MEDAL (X one)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (1) Same person identified in Section I		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> a. Directly to applicant (Address shown in Item 14c).	
<input type="checkbox"/> (2) Next of Kin (Specify relationship)		<input type="checkbox"/> b. To the person / organization shown below who has agreed to receive and present medal (Complete Item 16). (List Name, Organization, Street, Number, City, State, and ZIP Code)	
<input type="checkbox"/> (3) Surviving Spouse			
<input type="checkbox"/> (4) Other (Specify)			
b. TYPED OR PRINTED NAME			
c. COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT (Please type or print) (List Name, Street Number, City, State, and ZIP Code) 2219 North Park Grand Island, Nebraska 68803			
d. TELEPHONE NUMBER (include Area Code) 308-382-9318	e. DATE SIGNED 9-1-88	16. RELEASE AUTHORIZATION, IF REQUIRED	
f. SIGNATURE 		I hereby authorize release of the requested POW medal to the person/organization indicated in Block 15.b.	
		(Veteran or Next of Kin Signature)	

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A. N. WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT

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THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES ME TO EXPRESS HIS DEEP REGRET THAT YOUR SON PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ROBERT W SCHEFFEL HAS BEEN REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION SINCE SIXTEEN DECEMBER IN GERMANY IF FURTHER DETAILS OR OTHER INFORMATION ARE RECEIVED YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED=

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WILLIAM F SCHEFFEL=
 1503 WEST FRONT ST

GRAND ISLAND, NEBR.

THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES ME TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR SON PFC SCHEFFEL, ROBERT W. IS PRISONER OF WAR OF GERMAN GOVERNMENT BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED THROUGH PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL. FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED WILL BE FURNISHED BY PROVOST MARSHAL GENERAL=
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WILLIA F SCHEFFEL=

ISLAND, NEBR.

1503 WEST FRONT ST GY=

THE SECRETARY OF WAR DESIRES ME TO INFORM YOU THAT YOUR SON
PFC SCHEFFEL ROBERT W RETURNED TO MILITARY CONTROL=

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**Veterans
Administration**

In Reply Refer To:

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C-6 617 819

Mr. Robert W. Scheffel
2219 N. Park
Grand Island, NE 68801

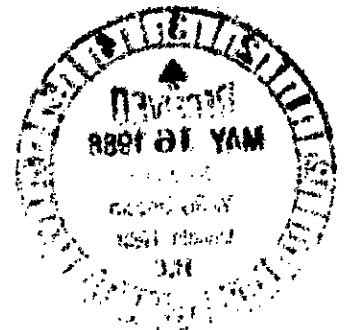
Dear Mr. Scheffel:

This is to certify that the records of the Veterans Administration reflect that Robert W. Scheffel was incarcerated by a hostile force while serving on active duty in the United States Armed Forces.

Sincerely,

H. L. PLANNETTE, JR.
Veterans Services Officer

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**EMPLOYEE RECORD AND REPORT BY SEPARATION
MEMORANDUM DISCHARGE**

1. LAST NAME Schreffel	2. FIRST NAME W	3. GRADE Cpl	4. BRANCH Infantry	5. CATEGORY AMS
6. ORGANIZATION 106th Infantry Division	7. DATE OF SEPARATION 23 Sep 45	8. PLACE OF SEPARATION Sep Cos Camp Seale Calif		
9. PREVIOUS ADDRESS 1503 W Front St Grand Island Neb	10. DATE OF BIRTH 17 Jul 26	11. PLACE OF BIRTH Grand Island Neb		
12. GRADE FROM WHICH SEPARATED See 9	13. GRADE ON LAST DAY OF SERVICE Plt	14. HEIGHT 5' 11"	15. WEIGHT 158	16. NO. DEPENDENTS 0
17. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. See 9	18. U.S. SERVICE NO. See 9	19. GRADE ON LAST DAY OF SERVICE Staff Clerk II	20. GRADE ON LAST DAY OF SERVICE 1 38.01	

21. DATE OF INDUCTION 13 Dec 43	22. DATE OF DISCHARGE 3 Jan 44	23. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE Ft Crook Nebraska
24. SELECTIVE SERVICE DATA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	25. COUNTY AND STATE Hall Nebraska	26. HOME ADDRESS AT TIME OF ENTRY INTO SERVICE See 9
27. MILITARY SERVICE SPECIALTY Automatic Rifleman 746	28. SPECIAL OCCUPATIONS AND TRADES (I.e., Infantry, Artillery, etc.) and work month's badge Sharpshooter Rifle M1 Jul 44 (55)	
29. BATTLES AND CAMPAIGNS Ardenne Rhineland GO 40 WD 45		
30. DECORATIONS AND CITATIONS European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal World War II Victory Medal TWX WD 23 Oct 45		
31. MEDALS RECEIVED IN SERVICE Good Conduct Medal American Campaign Medal		

32. LEAVE IMMEDIATELY DATES	33. SERVICE OUTSIDE CONTINENTAL U.S. AND PEACE																										
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38. REASON FOR SEPARATION None	39. REASON FOR SEPARATION FOR SEPARATION Convenience of the Government AR 615-365 and Cir 339 WD 45
40. SERVICE RECORD ATTACHED None	41. EDUCATIONAL VALUE 8 4 0

42. CONTINUED PAY	43. PAY DATA	44. TRAVEL PAY	45. TOTAL AMOUNT PAID OF DISCHARGING OFFICER
1	11 1,300 100	None	7,125

46. KIND OF INSURANCE	47. DATE OF DEPARTURE	48. GRADE ON LAST DAY OF SERVICE	49. GRADE ON LAST DAY OF SERVICE
X	30 Nov 45	31 Dec 45	6 40

50. REMARKS (This space for completion of above items or entry of other items specified in W D Directives)

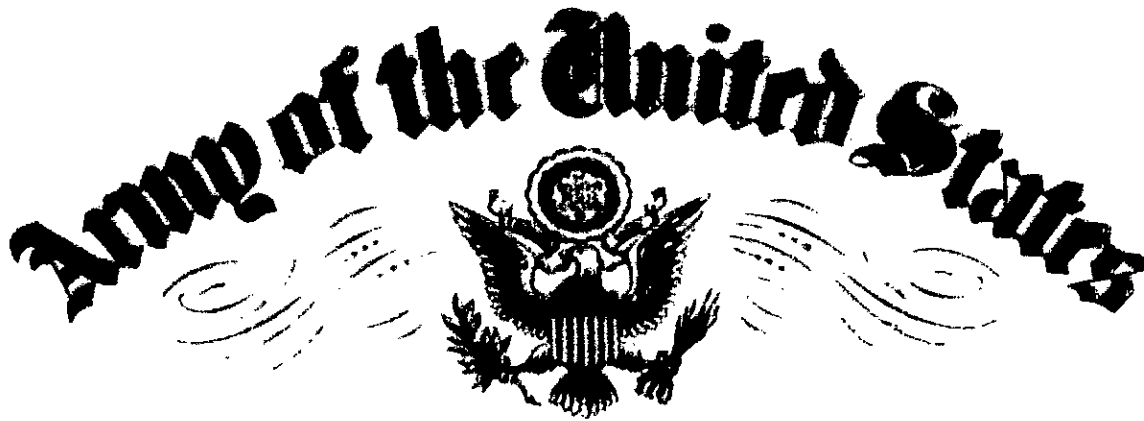
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Inactive Service ERC 13 Dec 43 to 2 Jan 44
(31) Combat Infantryman Badge Dec 44**

51. SIGNATURE OF DISCHARGING OFFICER
Robert Schreffel

52. PERSONNEL OFFICER (I.e., Active Service, etc.)
**K H KOLLEY
1st Lt AC**

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KH Kolley

This form is used for the purpose of reporting on the discharge of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States. It is to be filled out by the personnel officer of the unit to which the member is assigned at the time of discharge. It is not to be used after the member has been discharged.



Honorable Discharge

This is to certify that

ROBERT W SCHEFFEL 37 488 909 Corporal
106th Infantry Division

Army of the United States

*is hereby Honorably Discharged from the military
service of the United States of America.*

*This certificate is awarded as a testimonial of Honest
and Faithful Service to this country.*

Given at SEPARATION CENTER
Camp Beale California

Date 23 November 1945

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Major JC

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