



LEONARD MC KENZIE

FARRADY POST 24

AMERICAN LEGION

PVT. LEONARD McKENZIE

DATE OF BIRTH - December 19, 1921

DATE OF DEATH - April 06, 1944

PLACE - New Caledonia

PARENTS

Leonard Clarence McKenzie

Edna (Smith) McKenzie

WIFE

CHILDREN

BROTHERS and SISTERS

Francis McKenzie

Genevieve Lapp,

Harry (Henry) McKenzie

Edna McCurry

Anna Mae Brode

Joseph Eugene McKenzie

Alice Albright

Mildred Middleton

Helen Baker

Irvin McKenzie

COMMENTS

Leonard drowned while swimming with other members of his outfit.

WAR - World War II



IN GRATEFUL MEMORY OF

Private First Class Leonard L. McKenzie, A.S.No. 33373878,

WHO DIED IN THE SERVICE OF HIS COUNTRY AT

in the South Pacific Area, April 6, 1944.

HE STANDS IN THE UNBROKEN LINE OF PATRIOTS WHO HAVE DARED TO DIE

THAT FREEDOM MIGHT LIVE, AND GROW, AND INCREASE ITS BLESSINGS.

FREEDOM LIVES, AND THROUGH IT, HE LIVES—

IN A WAY THAT HUMBLER THE UNDERTAKINGS OF MOST MEN

Franklin D. Roosevelt

WESTERN UNION

A. M. WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT

CLASS OF SERVICE
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MRS EDNA MCKENZIE

1918 EAST ORLEANS ST BALTO=

THE SECRETARY OF WAR ASKS THAT I ASSURE YOU OF HIS DEEP SYMPATHY IN THE LOSS OF YOUR SON PRIVATE FIRST CLASS LEONARD L MCKENZIE REPORT RECEIVED STATES HE DIED ON SIX APRIL IN NEW CALEDONIA AS RESULT OF DROWNING; LETTER FOLLOWS=

DUNLOP ACTING THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

HEADQUARTERS
292nd QM Refrig. Co., Fixed
APO 502, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, Cal.

April 30, 1944

Mrs. Edna McKenzie
1918 E. Orleans St.,
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mrs. McKenzie:

It is with deep regret that I offer my condolences in the death of your son Leonard. His death was a great shock to me and to all the members of this organization.

It was on April 6th that a group of the men decided to go swimming in the river near here after working hours. This was a nightly occurrence for the men's relaxation. Leonard was anxious to go with the other men and it was at this time that he was accidentally drowned. Although there were many of the boys around, none of them heard any cries for assistance from him. Every effort was made to revive him but all of the efforts were in vain.

Leonard was buried with full military honors in the U.S. Armed Forces Cemetery on the island. Father Lynch officiated at the funeral and all of Leonard's friends in the organization attended the ceremony.

Your son was an excellent soldier and a valued member of the company. His loss is irreplaceable as are all losses of this kind. I can only add that all of us of the 292nd QM Refrigeration Company extend our deepest sympathy in your great loss.

If there is anything that I may do for you, do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely yours,

William D. Cole

WILLIAM D. COLE
Captain, QMC
Commanding

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON

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IN REPLY
KEEPER TO

AG 201 McKenzie, Leonard L.
PC-N 099045

18 April 1944.

Mrs. Edna McKenzie,
1918 East Orleans Street,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Mrs. McKenzie;

It is with deep regret that I confirm the telegram of recent date informing you of the death of your son, Private First Class Leonard L. McKenzie, 33,373,373, Quartermaster Corps.

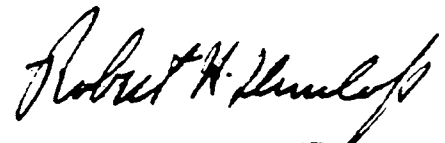
The official casualty report states that your son died on 6 April 1944 in New Caledonia as a result of accidental drowning.

I fully understand your desire to learn as much as possible regarding the circumstances leading to his death and I wish that there were more information to give you. Unfortunately, reports of this nature contain only the briefest details as they are prepared under battle conditions and the means for their transmission are limited. I assure you, however, that if more information is received it will be transmitted to you at once.

I sincerely regret that this message must carry so much sorrow into your home and I hope that in time you may find sustaining comfort in knowing that he served bravely and honorably in his country's defense.

My deepest sympathy is extended to you in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours,



ROBERT H. DUNLOP
Brigadier General,
Acting The Adjutant General.

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