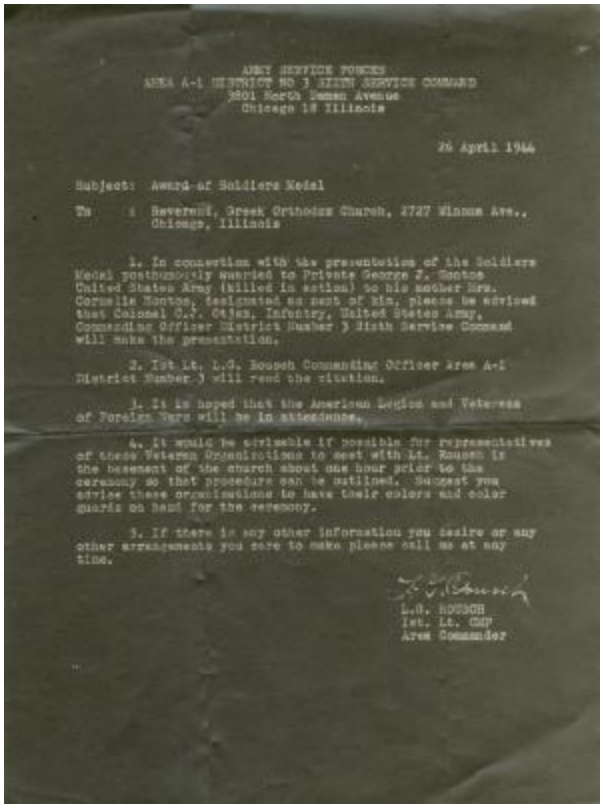


ARMY SERVICE FORCES
AREA A-1 DISTRICT NO 3 SIXTH SERVICE COMMAND
3801 North Damen Avenue
Chicago 18 Illinois

26 April 1944

Subject: Award of Soldiers Medal

To : Reverend, Greek Orthodox Church, 2727 Winona Ave., Chicago, Illinois

1. In connection with the presentation of the Soldiers Medal posthumously awarded to Private George J. Hontos United States Army (killed in action) to his mother Mrs. Cornelia Hontos, designated as next of kin, please be advised that Colonel C.F. Otjen, Infantry, United States Army, Commanding Officer District Number 3 Sixth Service Command will make the presentation.

2. 1st Lt. L.G. Rousch Commanding Officer Area A-1 District Number 3 will read the citation.

3. It is hoped that the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars will be in attendance.

4. It would be advisable if possible for representatives of these Veterans Organizations to meet with Lt. Rousch in the basement of the church about one hour prior to the ceremony so that procedure can be outlined. Suggest you advise these organizations to have their colors and color guards on hand for the ceremony.

5. If there is any other information you desire or any other arrangements you care to make please call me at any time.

L.G. ROUSCH
1st. Lt. CMP
Area Commander

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A LETTER FROM ARMY _ RE. SOLDIER'S MEDAL.

ORIGIN

George James Hontos was born in Chicago, Illinois on March 27th, 1920. The son of James and Cornelia Hontos, brother of Dimitra, Arthur, and John, who also served in the United States Navy. Two weeks following the Pearl Harbor disaster, he was called to serve his country in the Army. He trained for six months at Camps Hulen and Wallace, Tex. On March 1, 1942, the 434th Coast Artillery Battalion (Anti-Aircraft) was activated. With this outfit, he was sent to England. After the completion of training, they took part in the liberation of Africa. George died from a landmine left by the Nazis, trying to aid some wounded women and children in Tunisia, on May 24th, 1943. Private George J. Hontos was posthumously awarded the Soldier's Medal and the Purple Heart.

CITATION

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