

HEADQUARTERS
COAST ARTILLERY REPLACEMENT TRAINING CENTER

Camp Ballston, Texas
Jan. 31, 1942

CHAPLAINS:

Camp Chaplains:

Paul J. Haddock, Capt.

Catholics:

Arthur J. Demelfo, 1st Lt.
35th CATTB

Protestants:

Fred E. Andrews, 1st Lt.
35th CATTB

Ervin H. Hartman, 1st Lt.
37th CATTB

Harvey F. Gader, 1st Lt.
35th CATTB

Elisab V. Flowers, 1st Lt.
35th CATTB

Dallas L. Joren, 1st Lt.
35th CATTB

W. D. Hightmaster, 1st Lt.
34th CATTB

Gerald C. Prussia, 1st Lt.
37th CATTB

Virgil H. Moore, 1st Lt.
36th & 35th CATTB

Dear Friend:-

I have been appointed Chaplain of the Battalion to which **George J. Hontos** has been assigned. It is my desire to be of real service in administering to his spiritual and moral needs.

There are many different faiths represented in camp and special services are conducted by the Chaplains for their particular need. Many times outside ministers are invited to conduct services. Regular services are held each Sunday by all the Chaplains and an effort is spared to help the men like better and closer to God.

If I can be of any service to you, feel that I am your friend and Counsellor and will do so. We all desire that the men of the Army will be better men when they leave than when they were inducted into the service. There is both our Helms and Hontos service. I am

Sincerely yours
Ervin H. Hartman
1st Lt., 37th CATTB
Chaplain.

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OBJECT DESCRIPTION

LETTER FOR CAMP WALLACE (TEXAS) CHAPLAIN TO GEORGE J. HONTOS RE: APPT AS COUNSELOR & FRIEND.

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. He trained for six months at Camps Hulen and Wallace, Texas. 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.

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