

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

AG 201 Hontos, George J.
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Mrs. Cornelia Hontos,
2721 North Albany Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Hontos:

I have the honor to inform you that, by direction of the President, the Soldier's Medal has been posthumously awarded to your son, Private George J. Hontos, Coast Artillery, for extraordinary heroism.

The award of the Soldier's Medal is in addition to the Purple Heart. The records show that you were informed of the posthumous award of the Purple Heart to your son for having made the supreme sacrifice in defense of his country.

The Soldier's Medal will be forwarded to the Commanding General, Sixth Service Command, Chicago, Illinois, who will make the necessary arrangements for the presentation of the decoration to you, and that officer will communicate with you concerning your wishes in the matter.

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

Sincerely yours,

Major General,
The Adjutant General.

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OBJECT DESCRIPTION

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT TO THE MOTHER OF PVT GEORGE J. HONTOS. LETTERS NOTIFIED MRS. CORNELIA HONTOS ABOUT THE SOLDIERS MEDAL AWARDED TO HER SON GEORGE J. HONTOS WO WAS KILLED IN TUNISIA DURING WWII.

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.

CITATION

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