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DENIS W. MAILHOT

MAILHOT & DUTIL FAMILY

U.S. MILITARY HISTORY

SERVICE TO GOD

&

SERVICE TO COUNTRY

WWI

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In Memoriam







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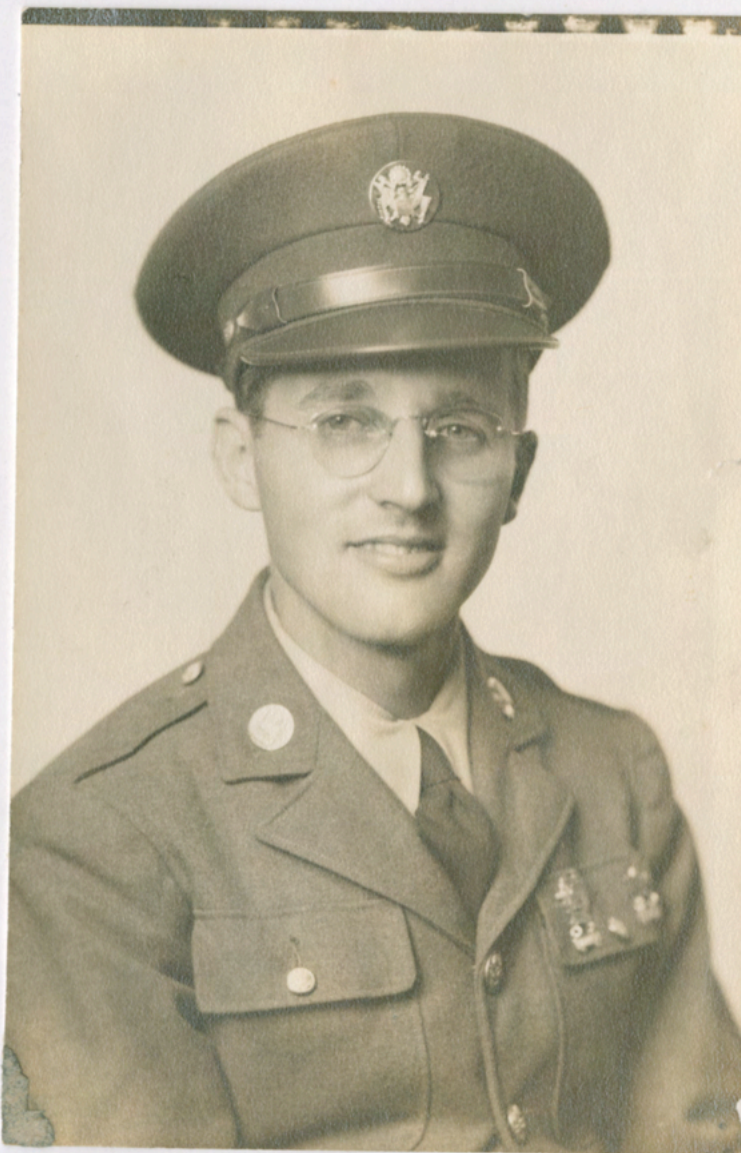


**WWII – U.S. Army**

**Private First Class Elisee A. Dutil “Frenchie”  
Regimental Headquarters Company  
7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, APO 3**

**‘KIA’ March 18, 1945 – Germany**

**In Service to God  
&  
In Service to Country**









*In Memory of PFC Elisée "Frenchy" A. Dutil, ASN 31116655  
7<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division, U.S. Army*

**Family**

- Son of Alphonse & Odile (Cote) Dutil.
- Born in Lewiston on November 24, 1919.
- Attended St. Peter's School & Lewiston High School.
- *His mother, Odile, died February 11, 1945, Elisee died March 18, 1945, and "some say his mother, Odile, came to get her son, who had suffered so much for such a long time during the war."*

**Community**

- Worked at Bates Manufacturing Co. before his military induction.

**Faith**

- Catholic, parishioner at SS Peter & Paul Parish (Basilica of St. Peter & St. Paul) aka Prince of Peace Parish.
- Member of St. Peter & Paul Parish Choir and member of the "Orpheon" (a French male choral society).
- Member of "The Defenseurs," and "Cadets of the Catholic Order of Foresters."

**WWII**

- Charter member of the Normand Dionne Post VFW
- 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 3<sup>rd</sup> Division; awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge for combat while serving on the Fifth Army front in Italy
- Inducted into the U.S. Army June 9, 1942 (SJ photo)
- Trained at Fort George Meade, MD.
- Sent overseas January 1943 by ship, landed in England.
- Participated in the invasion and campaigns of:
  - ❖ North Africa
  - ❖ Sicily
  - ❖ Italy
- Wounded three times, once in Sicily and at the battle of Anzio on October 15<sup>th</sup>, "PFC Dutil" fatally wounded a 3<sup>rd</sup> time, March 18, 1945 in Germany.
- Fought in France wounded a second time (evacuated to a North African hospital)



- KIA near Zweibrucken, Germany; "The body of PFC Elisee Dutil, who was killed in action in Germany in 1945, will arrive here at 8:10 Thursday morning." "A delegation from various military organizations will be at the Maine Central Railroad station when the body of PFC Dutil arrives. It will be escorted to the Pinette Funeral Home. Libera services will be held at SS Peter & Paul Church At 9A.M. Saturday morning." (SJ)
- Fought in Germany where he was fatally wounded, March 18, 1945, buried in France, body later unearthed by father, (Alphonse) to bring his son back home to be buried at St. Peter Cemetery in the family gravesite.
- Awarded the "Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster."
- Fr. Mitchell Koprowski was his Chaplain and remained in touch with Elisee's sister, Leona A. (Dutil) Mailhot, for decades (see Fr. Mike's note) until her death at the age of 97. "Fr. Mike" was ordained to the priesthood on June 7, 1941. He served in the Grand Island, Diocese as a mission priest in the Sand Hills of Nebraska and also as Pastor at St. Mary's Parish in Mullen, until retiring in 1987. He served as Chaplain of the American Legion post in Mullen. He served in the US Army as a Chaplain during World War II from 1943 to 1946, with the Third Infantry Division and was at the Anzio beachhead during the invasion of Southern France. Fr. Mike passed away on December 10, 2010.
- The L/A Veterans Council will add Elisee's name to the 32<sup>nd</sup> monument at the Veterans Memorial Park on Memorial Day Weekend, 2020.



## *'Service to God & Service to Country'*

### **75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of World War II**

As history recalls; on June 6, 1944, more than 160,000 Allied troops landed along a 50 mile stretch of heavily-fortified French coastline, to fight Nazi Germany on the beaches of Normandy, France. Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower called the operation a crusade in which, "we will accept nothing less than full victory." More than 5,000 Ships and 13,000 aircraft supported the D-Day invasion, and by day's end, the Allies gained a foot-hold in Continental Europe. The cost in lives on D-Day was high. More than 9,000 Allied Soldiers were killed or wounded, but their sacrifice allowed more than 100,000 Soldiers to begin the slow, hard slog across Europe, to defeat Adolf Hitler's crack troops.

September 2, 2020 marks the 75th Commemoration of the end of World War II; a war that took the lives of over 405,000 U.S. military personnel, including Catholic priests, Protestant ministers and Jewish rabbis who served as Chaplains as well as the many clergy who perished in concentration camps.

The "Mighty Mo," which now rests on the hallowed waters of Pearl Harbor, is a reminder of those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in restoring peace to the world, and a somber reminder of men and women who served, died and those who never returned home, listed in history as 'MIA.'

As a veteran who served in the U.S. Navy during the Viet Nam War era, I'd been putting off a project for years to assemble an historical outline of my grandfathers, Wilfrid S. Mailhot Sr. and Alphonse Dutil, whose many sons served during WWII as well as other family veterans from WWI, WWII and Viet Nam. I'm forever grateful to my mother, Leona (Dutil) Mailhot, who had set aside a bounty of military documents as well as dozens of Sun Journal clippings and photos of family veterans of my dad, Wilfrid Mailhot, Jr. as well as her brothers Raymond, and Eliseé who was killed in action in 1944. Many original military documents were carefully archived by both Mailhot and Dutil families, especially by my aunt Solange 'Sally' Mailhot documenting her brothers, Wilfrid Jr., Donat and Albert, who served in Europe during WWII.

Families were rewarded with dozens of WWII photos taken in Europe, especially my father's abundance of post-war-time photos, each with written detailed captions, during his time in Paris, France from mid-1944 to late 1946.

I began to organize this treasure of information in early 2019. However, beginning in February 2020, faced with the onset of the *coronavirus pandemic*, with social distancing, closing of churches, limited access to stores, shops, unable to visit my children and grandchildren, and the "stay-at-home" directives, it was now the right time to complete the history of the Mailhot and Dutil sons and daughters called to serve their country.

Stories and photos, along with family memories, began to take shape in a binder that would preserve the family history of several wars, allowing my children and grandchildren to appreciate the lives and sacrifices of their ancestors now 75 years of distant memories.



### **PFC Eliséé Dutil and "The Crucifix"**

In preparing this historical military history of the Mailhot and Dutil families, my connection with my mother's baby brother and the uncle whom I'd never met, PFC Eliséé Dutil would become a life changing event.

The similarities we shared from our family roots on Bartlett Street and upbringings at the Basilica in Lewiston were inspiring as well as emotional.

Eliséé's beginnings on Bartlett Street and his strong Catholic faith, nurtured at SS Peter & Paul Parish made the 75 years that separated us seem unimportant as I began to appreciate his short and much too brief life, a life filled with many accomplishments, especially discovering a beautiful *poem-inspired prayer* he wrote from a foxhole which he called "*My Crucifix*," written on the Anzio-Nettuno beachhead in 1944, the prayer that became my encouragement to pursue a calling later in life to a religious vocation of an ordained deacon in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portland.

It is most fitting that I focused and concluded this historical military journey with the prayer, "*My Crucifix*," surely divinely inspired, along with the personal message that PFC Eliséé Dutil wrote and dedicated to his brothers-in-harm, near the end of his life.

#### ***"For the Men in the Foxholes"***

*"Men, please don't forget, read this prayer every moment of the day,  
and also don't forget to say your Act of Contrition  
perfect, every day and night.*

*Say also, soldiers, five times, Our Father, Hail Mary, and a Glory be etc.  
for the Holy Father and the Church.*

*Please soldiers don't forget to say every day and night,  
'My Good Lord, I offer Thee this day, or night,'  
all I shall do or think or say,*

*uniting it with what was done on earth by Jesus Christ Thy Son.*

*I wish you soldiers the best of luck,  
and pray God will bless and protect you always"*

Author: Pfc. Eliséé A. Dutil, better known as "Frenchie," Regt'l Hq. 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry, U.S. Army

#### ***"My Crucifix"***

*A little crucifix,  
As plain as it can be,  
But only God in Heaven knows  
How dear it is to me.*

*I have it always with me,  
In every step I take;  
At evening when I slumber,  
At morning when I awake.*

*In bright or cloudy weather,  
In sunshine or in rain:  
In happiness or sorrow,  
In pleasure or in pain.*



*It helps me in my struggles,  
It reproves me when I sin;  
Its look of gentle patience  
Rebukes the strife within.*

*In days of pain and anguish,  
The greatest Help I knew  
Was to hold that little crucifix  
Until I calmer grew;*

*And looking on that Figure,  
Which hung in patience there,  
I saw the dreadful torture  
Which He, in Love, did bear.*

*His feet are nailed together,  
His loving arms outspread,  
And blood is dropping slowly down  
From His thorn-crowned Head.*

*And how could I then murmur,  
Or bitterly complain,  
When love for me induced Him  
To undergo such pain?*

*So when the time approaches  
That I shall have to die,  
I hope that little crucifix  
Will close besides me lie;*

*That the Holy Name of Jesus  
May be the last that I shall say,  
And kissing that dear crucifix  
My soul may pass away.*

†

*Eliséé A. Dutil*

During 2020, especially on Memorial Day and Veteran's Day, we celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of World War II, remembering all the brave men and brave women who *died for our freedom, our children's freedom and the world's freedom.*

It is my hope and prayer that copies of Eliséé prayer found its way into the hands of all the soldiers 'in the foxholes' he served with, especially those who passed away into the loving and eternal embrace of God.



Since the end of WWII, my mother, Leona, traded Christmas cards each December with the Catholic Priest Chaplain who had served in the same unit and become a friend with Eliseé. After my mother passed, another Christmas card arrived from the Chaplain who had not heard of her death. I decided to mail him a final Christmas card alerting him that mom had passed away a few weeks before Christmas. And to my joy and surprise, I received the following hand-written note from 'Fr. Mike:'

*"Dear Denis, Leona Mailhot, a sister to Eliseé Dutil, may she rest in peace. I was on the Anzio Beachhead that Eliseé wrote that beautiful poem. The good Sisters from North Dakota {Carmelite Nuns, Carmel of Mary, Wahpeton, North Dakota}, informed about the poem, prepared a Holy Prayer Card with the "Prayer to Jesus Crucified" Ecclesiastical Approbation on the back side and the "My Crucifix" prayer on the inside, along with Eliseé A. Dutil's name as its author. I've been retired for 21 years and do offer my daily Masses for all of us, the living and the dead. I'm the oldest priest in my diocese."*

I later researched Fr. Mike's priestly ministry and discovered his obituary that included: "Rev. Mitchell J. "Fr. Mike" Koprowski, 97, died Dec. 14, 2010, in his home after a long illness. ***He served in the US Army as a Chaplain during World War II from 1943 to 1946, with the Third Infantry Division and was at the Anzio beachhead during the invasion of Southern France.***" I could not have asked for a better confirmation of exactly when and where my uncle, Eliseé wrote that beautiful poem and prayer.

September 2, 2020 will mark the 75th Commemoration of the end of World War II. On this past 2020 Memorial Day, it is my hope that PFC *Eliseé A. Dutil's* prayer serves to inspire all of us that we are never alone, even during the COVID-19 pandemic, so that we may unite as one community, one state and one nation under God to work as one, collectively, to defeat this new adversary as we did 75 years ago, as one nation, when Eliseé wrote that prayer on the Anzio beachhead dedicated to the brave men and women and their families that we are now forever indebted.

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower called the D-Day operation a crusade in which, "we will accept nothing less than full victory." As we strive to defeat another world-wide enemy, the *coronavirus*, may we safeguard our families and friends while being mindful, respectful and considerate of the needs and struggles of everyone around us until success is attained and the virus is defeated, and the world discovers the lasting *Peace, Paix, Paz, Salam, Mir, Héping, Pace, Pax*, offered to all from the heart of Jesus Christ, and this will then be the 'full victory' for all of humanity.

My dear uncle, PFC Eliseé A. Dutil, a much belated 'may your soul rest in peace.'

*Your nephew, Deacon Denis Wilfrid Mailhot, MPS*

*The Lewiston-Auburn Veterans Council dedicated the 32<sup>nd</sup> monument on Memorial Day 2020 at the Veterans Memorial Park located on the corner of Main and Lincoln Streets, Lewiston, Maine. The monuments serve as an inspirational testament to men and women who have served our country within all branches of the U.S. military. The 32<sup>nd</sup> monument is inscribed: "Elisee A. Dutil, US Army (USA) WWII" side A, left column, 33 down. **Less we forget!***





ED FOR SERVICE—These men answered the call to arms from Androscoggin county draft board number two, Lewiston, today. If they pass the rigid physical examination at  
lectees will be in army uniform within 24 hours.

JUN 9, 1942



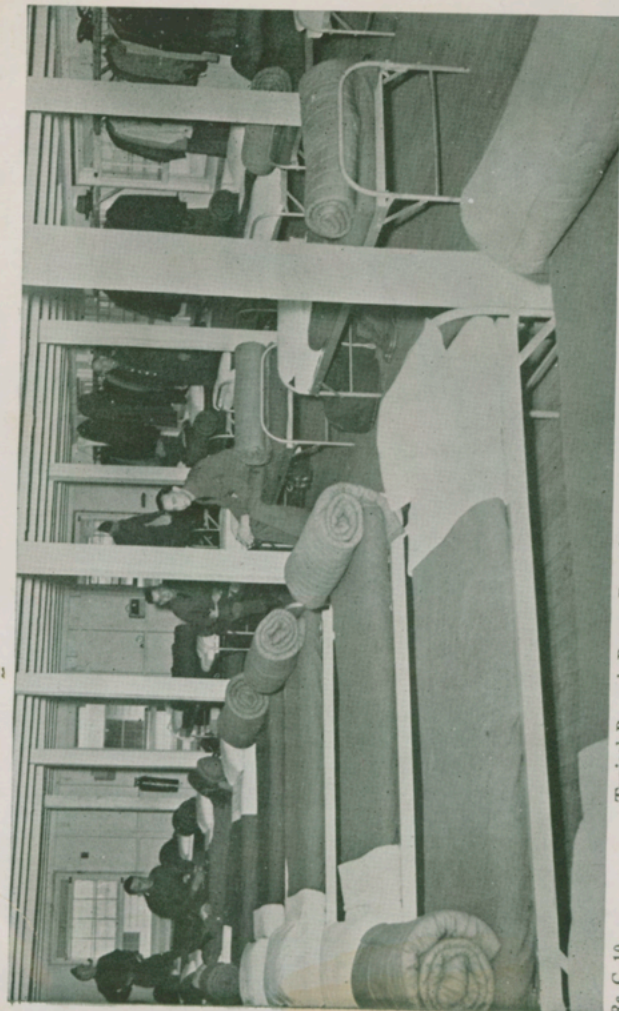
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*Eliseé A. Dutil*

*"Fort Meade, Maryland"*





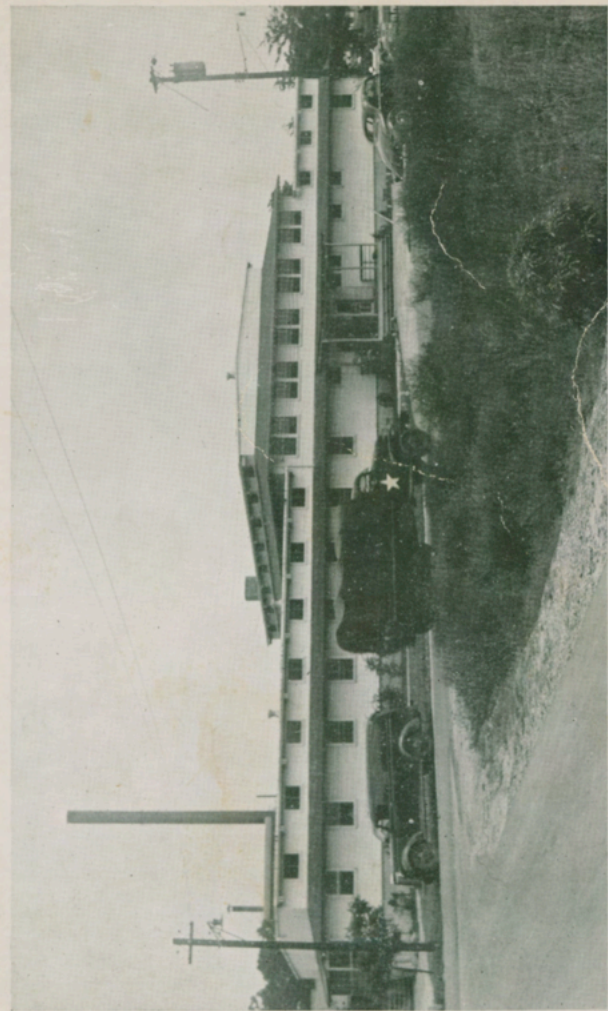
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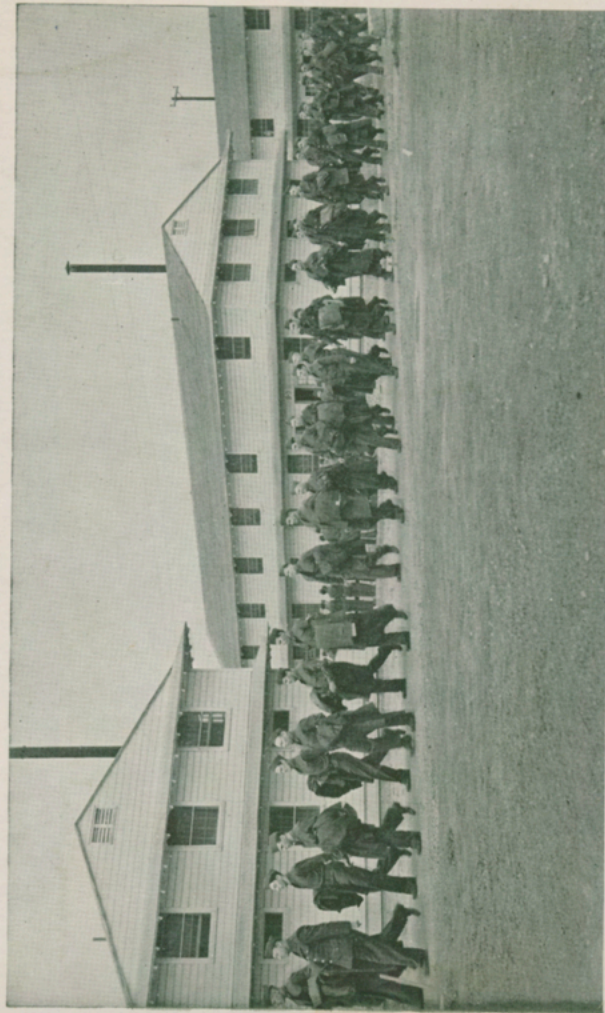
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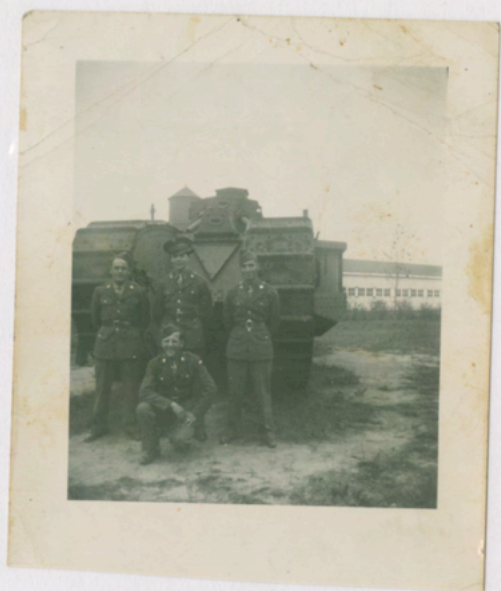
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Eliseé Dutil with his girlfriend, Rolande Provencher.  
They were engaged to be married  
right before he departed for Europe in January 1943.  
They planned to be married as soon as the war was over.

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She later married and had eight children and passed away in 2019.









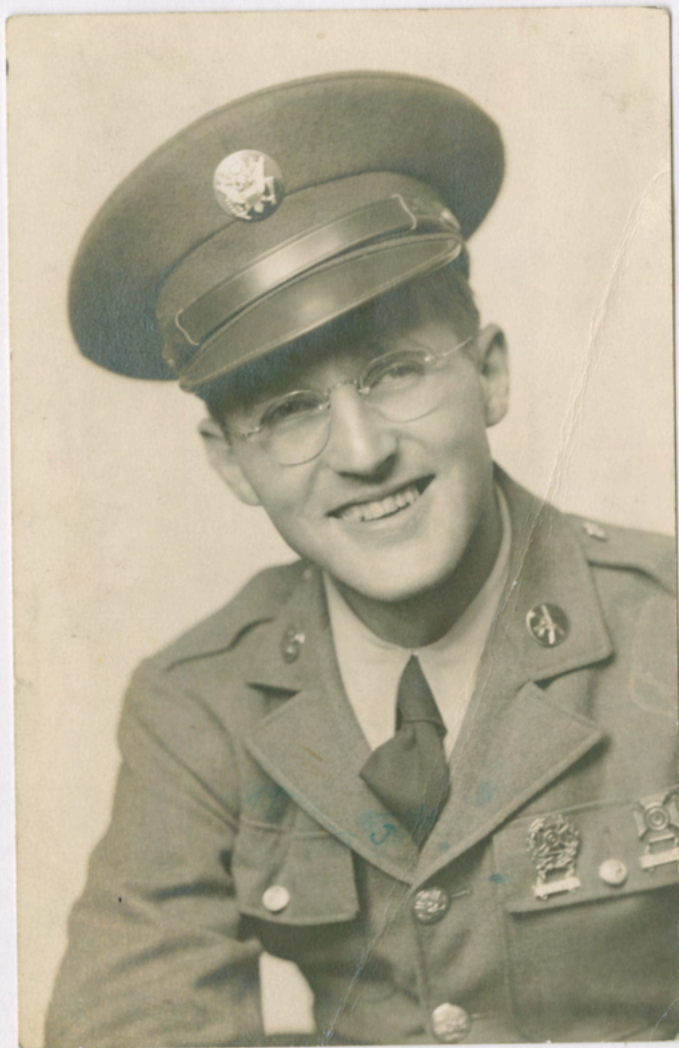
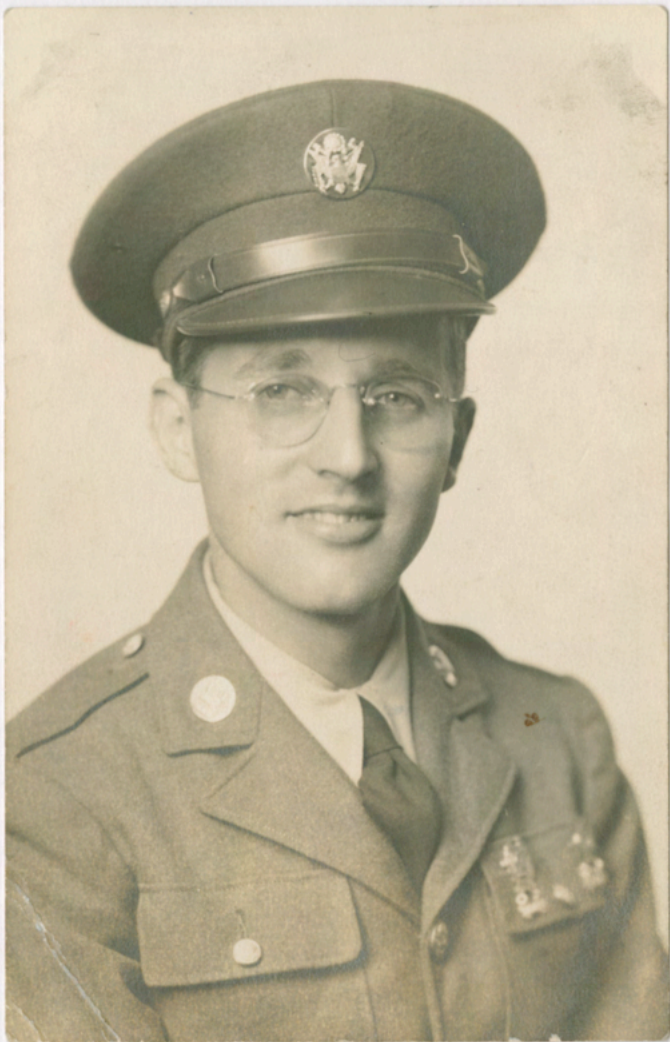






















7-25-1942

POST CARD

Chere Ami :  
 J'ai retardi beaucoup  
 à répondre a ta belle lettre.  
 Alors Bill tu va me pardonner  
 je suis très occupé. Comment  
 t'arranges tu ? Bill aime tu  
 le cousin que j'ai envoyer  
 Leona ? Aujourd'hui je suis  
 en conge je suis content.  
 La drill Bill c'est très dure  
 M'oublie pas de faire des  
 à chez-vous pour moi & merci. Eliseé!

Mr. Wilfrid Mailhot  
 (Bill)  
 158 Bartlett St.  
 Lewiston  
 Maine

THIS SIDE FOR MESSAGE THIS SIDE FOR ADDRESS

Dear Friend,

I very much delayed replying to your beautiful letter. So, Bill you should forgive me I am occupied (busy). How are you getting on? Bill do you like the cousin I sent Leona? Today I'm off and happy. Bill the drill is very hard. Don't forget to give my best to everyone for me. Thanks, Pvt. Eliseé.





A4:—AT THE RIFLE RANGE.



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**Associated**

To: Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Dutil, 143 Bartlett St., Lewiston, Maine {Elisée's parents}  
 "Say hello to Girard Pratt and Hervey Landry also to everyone in the 'block' at 143 Bartlett Street. Very Dear Parents, I finally arrived at Fort Meade, MD. I was glad to leave this place. You do not know Camp Pickett, Virginia. I slept in a temple for 4 days. Today it is raining some. Even if you cannot write to me, I am eager to receive news from you. Have you heard from Raymond today? They are arranging beds, and putting them two by two in the regiment where there are barracks. It has been one week that we have not had a bed. I am not kidding—ha ha ha. How are you doing? I hope that you are not sick. *Gratienne*; {Elisée's sister} do you know if she is still in the hospital? Say hello to Rolande {Dr. Wilfrid A. Cloutier's wife} and *Adelard* {Elisée's brother} and to the family for me. Thank you. From your son who thinks of you all the time. Keep me in your prayers. Elisée"

Des saluts à Bernard Bratt et Henry  
Sondry d'aujour'hui tout le monde.  
THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES  
Bien Chère Parents.  
Enfin je suis rendu de  
Fort Speale Md. J'ai tant écrit que  
j'ai continué de laisser cette place pour  
ne savoir pas Camp Pickett Virginie.  
J'ai couché dans une tente 4 jours  
aujourd'hui il pleut à l'eau.  
Même si vous pouvez m'écrire  
par ce que j'ai hâte de recevoir  
de vos nouvelles, avec vous rece-  
des nouvelles de Raymond aujourd'hui  
sont après enrouler les lettres, les  
mettre doublement par tout de la régiment  
avec qui se des baraquements fait une semaine  
confait rien ici je suis malade H.A.H.A!  
D'autant plus va voir votre sœur f'inquiète que  
vous elle par maladie strabisme gravissime  
encore à l'hôpital. Des saluts à tous et bon-  
et à tout les parents pour moi merci.

Rt. Elsie A. Dute Oct. 14 - 1942  
M-386 Inf.  
A.P.O. #76 Division  
George S. Magd  
Maryland.  
POST CARD  
Mr. Mrs. Aphronse Dute  
143 Bartlett St.  
Lewiston  
Maine  
De votre fille qui pense  
toujours à vous chérie,  
donc c'est priées ELIS





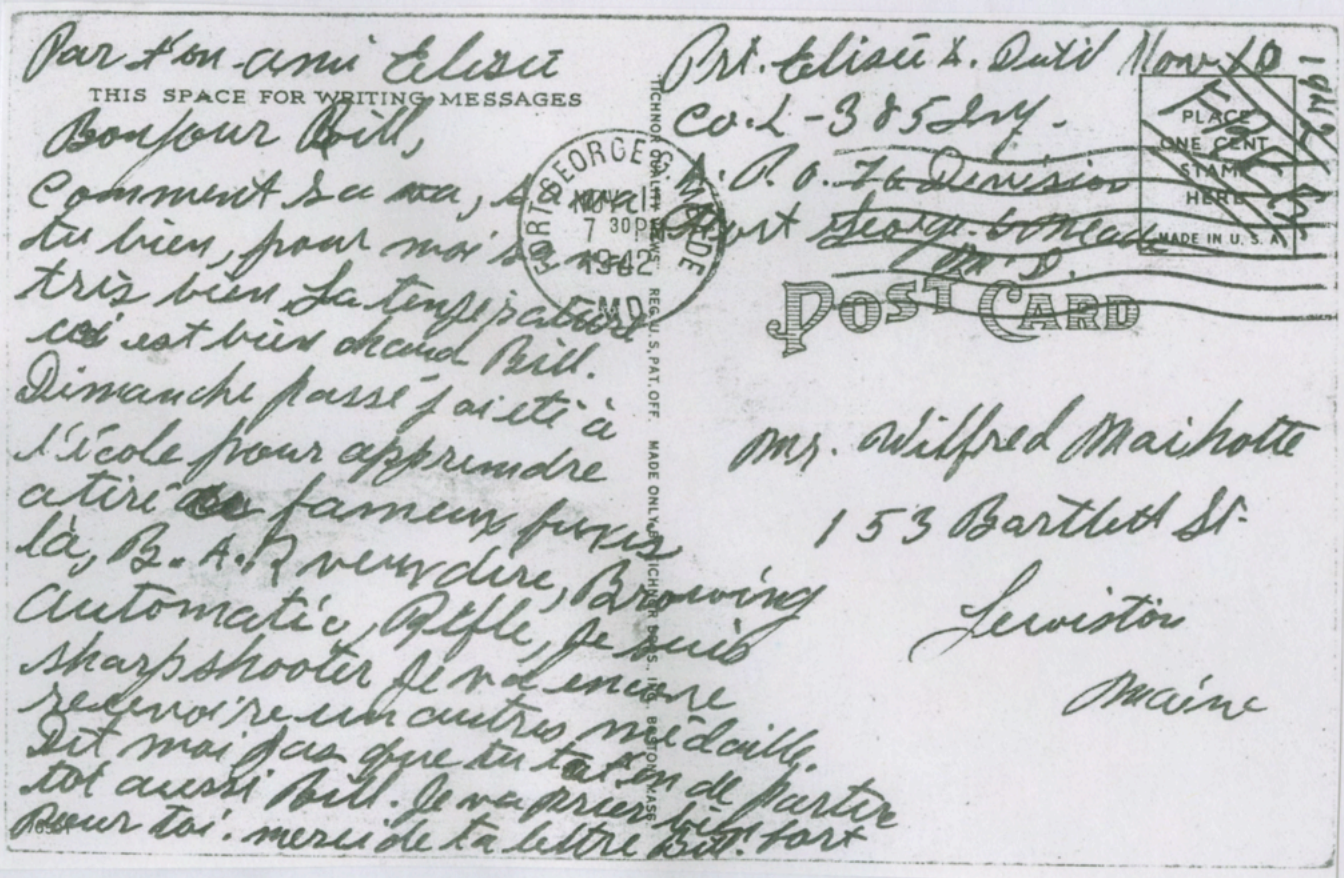


11-11-1942

Fort George: Posted November 11, 1942--7:30 PM, Dated by the author: November 10, 1942  
From: Pvt. Elisée A. Dutil, Company.L-385 Infantry, A.R.O 76 Division, Fort George, Meade M.D.

To: Wilfred Mailhot, 153 Bartlett St., Lewiston, Maine { Elisée's future brother-in-law who married his sister, Leona and Denis Mailhot's father }

"From your friend, Elisée—Hello Bill, how are you? For me, I am doing very well. The temperature, it is very hot, Bill. Last Sunday, I went to school to learn how to shoot a famous gun-B.A.R that means, Browning automatic rifle. I am a sharp shooter. I will again receive other medals. Don't tell me that you will also leave or be deployed, Bill. I will pray very hard for you. Thank you for your letter, Bill"







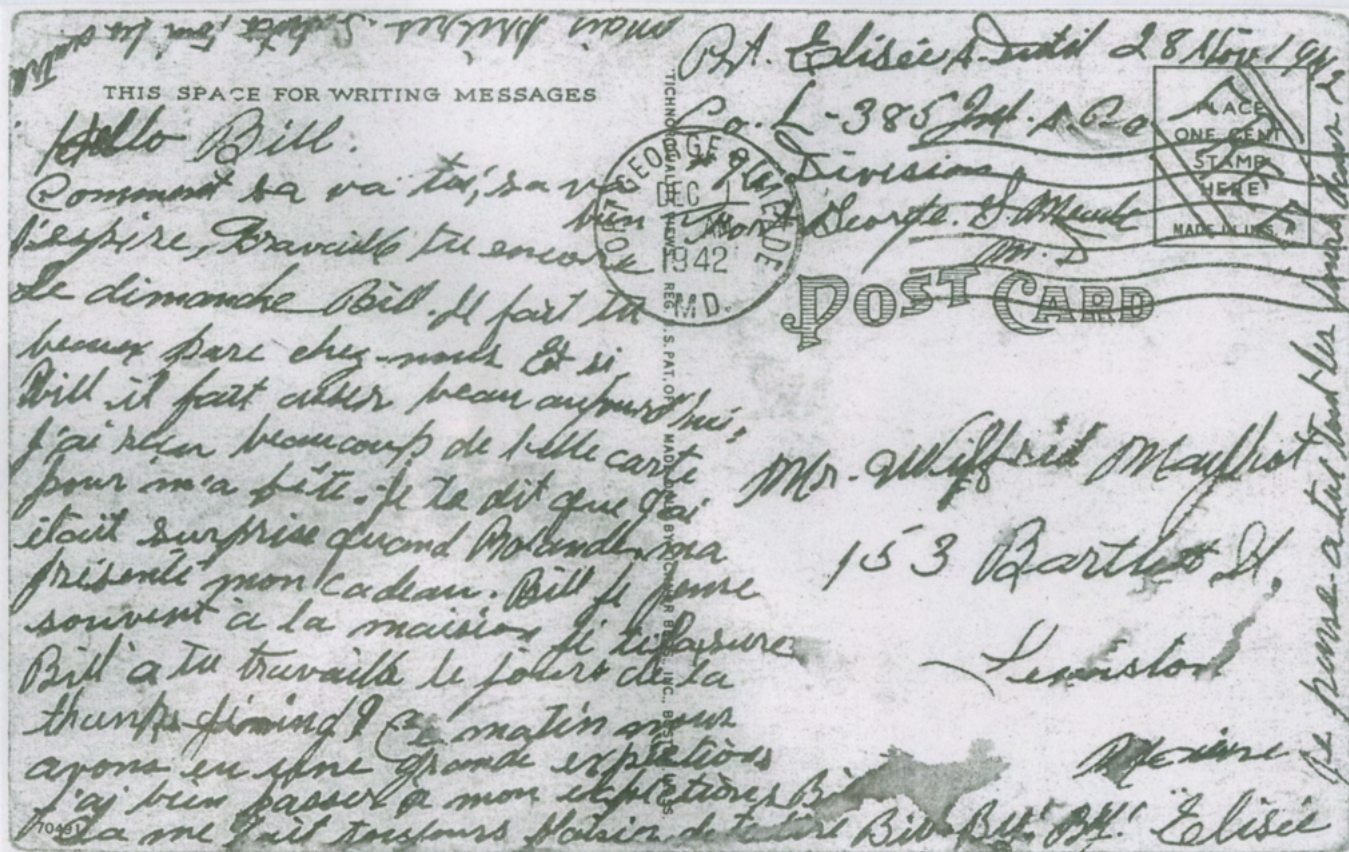


12-1-1942

From: Pvt. Elisée A. Dutil, Co. L-385 Inf., A.R.O 76 Division, Fort George, Meade M.D  
Fort George: Posted December 17, 1942, Dated by the author: November 28, 1942

To: Wilfred Mailhot, 153 Bartlett St., Lewiston, Maine

"Hello Bill, how are you? Hope you are well. Are you still working on Sundays? Is it nice at home? Here, Bill, it is still nice today. I received many nice cards for my birthday. I must tell you that I was very surprised when Rolande gave me her gift. Bill, I often think of home. Bill, did you work Thanksgiving Day? This morning we had a big expedition. I passed my (expedition very well. Bill, it makes me very happy to tell you that. Bye Bill." Elisée, I think of you every day."





I MISS MY DEAR OLD MOTHER — AND HOW!





12-4-1942

Fort George: Posted December 4 1942-- 7:AM, Dated by the author: December 2, 1942.  
From: Pvt. Elisée A. Dutil, Co. L-385 Inf., A.R.O 76 Division, Fort George, Meade M.D

To: Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Dutil, 143 Bartlett St., Lewiston, Me

"My Very Dear Parents, how are you, everyone? Me, all is good. I am going to tell you what is going on in the bivouac today. It has snowed today for two hours. I am standing in front a big wood fire. I am telling you how much it is nice. We have cause a lot of problems today: last night, it was very cold in the fields. We slept there. God, he had hardship, so why us do we think we would not have a little hardship to. Don't forget to give news to Rolande."

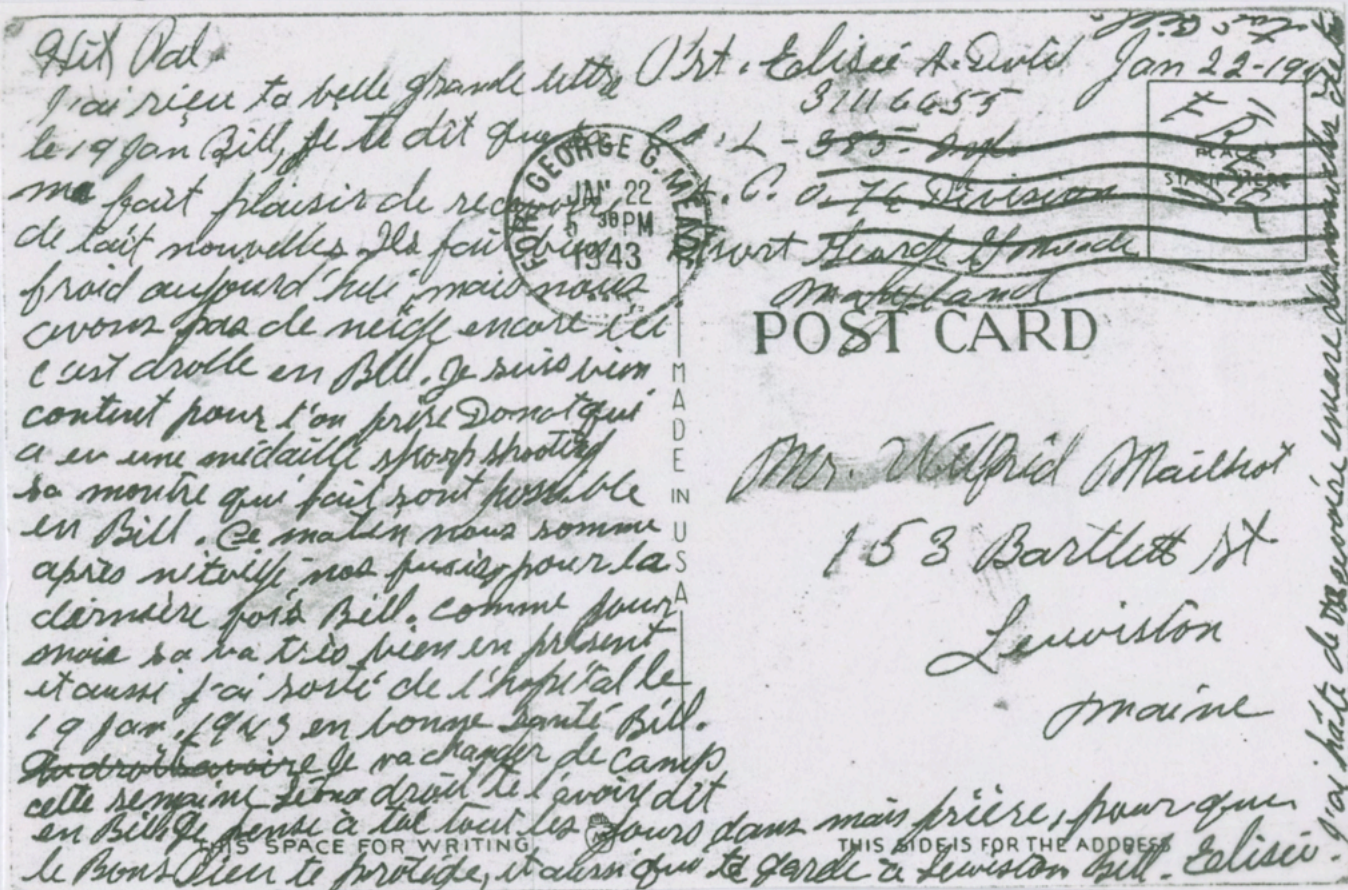








1-22-43



Hi Pal,

I received your long lovely letter Jan 19<sup>th</sup>. Bill I'm telling you it gives me pleasure to receive all the news (from home). It's very cold today but we don't have any snow here yet. Funny eh Bill?

I'm very happy for your brother Donat who received a sharp shooter medal which shows he is doing his best eh Bill. This morning we are cleaning our guns for the last time Bill, as for me it is going well presently and also I left the hospital in good health 19 Jan 1943. Bill I will change camps this week which Leona should have told you. I think of you every day in my prayers in order that God protects you and also that he keeps you in Lewiston. I hope to receive more news from you Bill.

Pvt. Elisee A. Dutil; 31116655  
 Co. L - 385 Infantry  
 A.P.O. 76 Division  
 Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, USA  
 January 22, 1943



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Pvt. Frank A. Daulton 3116622  
Co. E - 382 Infantry  
A.P.O. 76 Division  
Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, USA  
January 12, 1943



8-12-1944

Posted August 12, 1944 at 11:30 dated by the author: August 12, 1944. Number 31152769 entered at the top of the post card. From: Pvt. Raymond Dutil, Co. L46 729 M.P. 3, Truman Air Armory, Cincinnati Ohio.

"Dear Parents, how are things going? me, I am doing fine. I am at work at the terminal very well occupied. I had a card from Leona but nothing from Rita. Thank you. It is very hot. We had a rain storm for a while enough time this afternoon. I went to see a movie. It was beautiful but I had already seen it again. I work until midnight. I will go to bed. Goodnight. A letter tomorrow if I feel good. Papa, Mama, Leona, (Lraer?), Elda {Elisée aunt-sister of his mother, Odile Cote}, courage and always."

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NAME & RANK *Pvt. Raymond Dutil* *August 12/44* *31152769*  
 SERIAL NO. *Co. L46 729 M.P. 3*  
 BRANCH OF SERVICE *Truman Air Armory*  
 APPROVED ADDRESS *Am. Consulate, Paris*

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*Chère Parents!*  
*Ca va? moi aussi. En ce moment je suis à l'ouvrage au terminal. Bien occupé. J'ai eu une carte de Leona mais rien de Rita. Mince. Il fait vraiment chaud. On a eu un orage vers le soir. C'est apaisé. J'ai été au voir c'était très bon. J'en avais une. J'ai travaillé jusqu'à minuit ensuite. Je vais aller me coucher. Bonsoir. une lettre demain. à te dire tout. Papa maman. Leona Elda*

*Mr. Mrs. Alphonse Dutil*  
*143 Bennett St.*  
*Leviaton Maine*  
*courage. Et puis bonsoir fort*



Posted August 12, 1944 at 11:30 dated by the author: August 12, 1944. Number 3112269  
entered at the top of the post card. From: Pvt. Raymond Dull, Co. IAG 729 M.P. 8, Truman Air  
Army, Cincinnati Ohio.

"Dear Parents, how are things going? me, I am doing fine. I am at work at the terminal very  
well occupied. I had a card from Leona but nothing from Rita. Thank you. It is very hot. We  
had a rain storm for a while enough time this afternoon. I want to see a movie. It was beautiful  
but I had already seen it again. I work until midnight. I will go to bed. Goodnight. A letter  
tomorrow I feel good. Papa, Mama, Leona, (Luby), Elsie (Elsie aunt-sister of his mother,  
Ollie Cote), courage and always."

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*Eliseé A. Dutil*

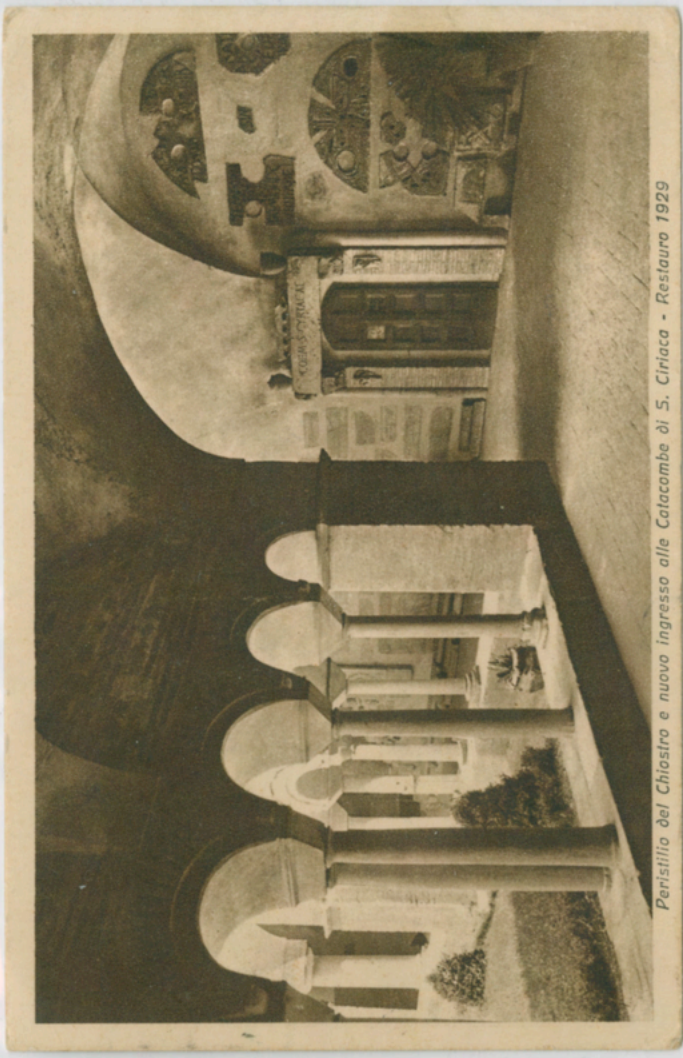
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One prayer that's always in my heart.  
Is that you, dear comrade mine,  
Will always be my friend  
As in the days of Auld Lang Syne!

A.M.V.



Yacht Basin and Officers' Club, Marine Barracks, Parris Island, S. C.

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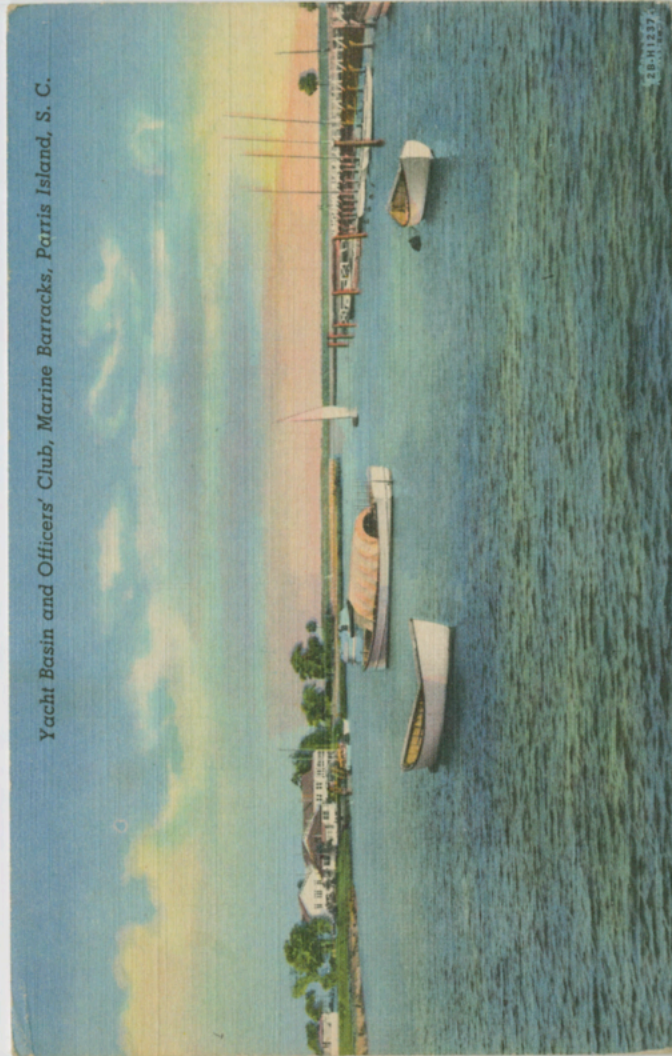
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Postmaster, N.Y., N.Y: APO US Army November 3, 1944, Dated by the author: Friday, November 26, 1942. From: P. F. C. Elisée A. Dutil 31116655, Reqt Hqco 7<sup>th</sup> Inf. A.P.C. 3, Postmaster, New York, New York

"Jesus, Mary Joseph, pray for us. My Dearest Family. Just a few words to let you all know, that I am feeling fine, also to hope this will come to an end soon, because I'm very anxious to see you all. I am glad to hear that everyone is feeling fine. Don't worry about me, Mom and Dad. I am always thinking about you all every moment of the day and asking the good Lord to give everyone lots of courage. The food is very good. I like my job very much. How is the family? Fine I hope? I will write to Raymond {Elisée's brother} as soon as possible. Love. God, bless you all. Elisée. And I thank you all very much for your postcard.

Jesus, Mary Joseph, P.F.C. Elisée A Dutil = 31116655  
 Pray for me. Reqt Hq Co. 7<sup>th</sup> Inf. A.P.C. 3  
 Postmaster - N.Y. N.Y.  
 My Dearest Family.  
 Just a few words to let you all know, that I am feeling fine, also, I hope this war. come to an end soon, because I'm very anxious to see you all. I am glad to hear, that everyone feeling fine. Don't worry about me, mom, dad. I am always thinking about you all every moment of the day and asking the good Lord to give everyone lots of courage. The food is very good. I like my job very much. How is the family? Fine I hope? I will write to Raymond as soon as possible. Love. God, bless you all. Elisée.

Mr. Mrs.  
 Alphonse Dutil  
 143 Bartholomew Street  
 Lewiston, Maine.  
 John B. Plarier  
 Capt.

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 I thank you very much for your postcard.



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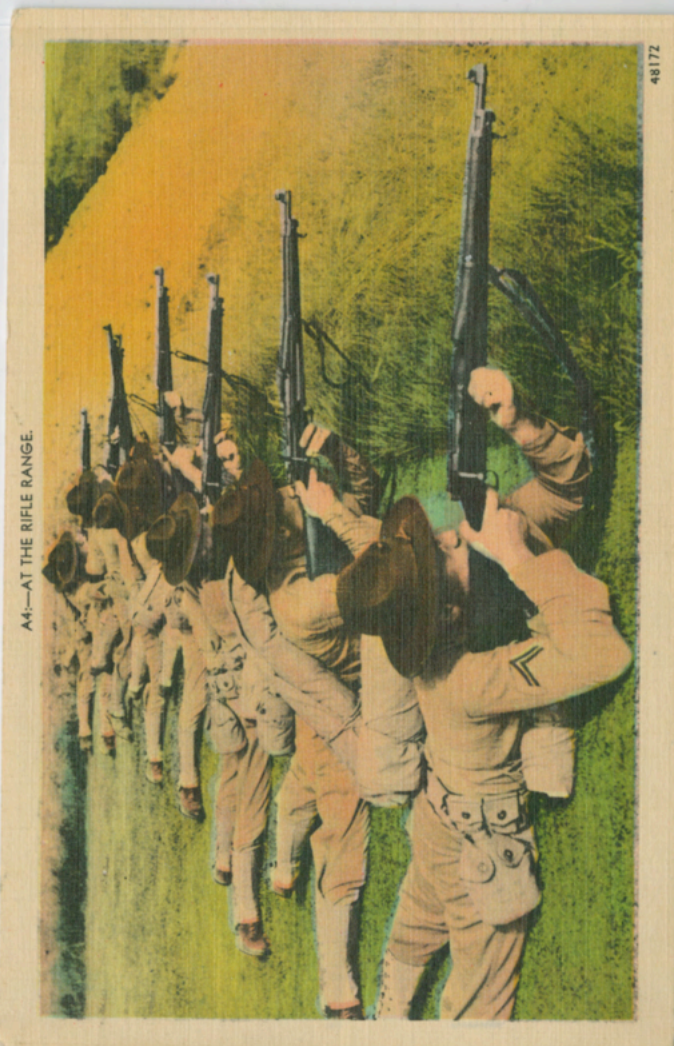


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Chère Ann :  
 J'ai retardé beaucoup  
 à répondre à ta belle lettre.  
 Mais Bill tu va me pardonner  
 de suis très occupé. Comme  
 t'arranges tu ? Bill aime  
 le cousin que j'ai envoyé  
 Léona ? Aujourd'hui je suis  
 en congé de suis content  
 La d'Bill c'est très dure  
 N'oublie pas de faire  
 à chez-vous pour moi & mes  
 salut. Chère !

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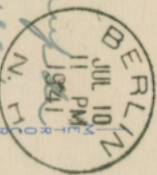


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POST CARD



Cher Elsie:  
 J'ai beaucoup de  
 plaisir à vous  
 me raconter et  
 connaître, je pense  
 à moi et j'aimerais  
 le voir à l'automne  
 Je suis de retour lundi  
 143 Bartlett St.  
 Lewiston  
 Maine

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THIS SPACE FOR WRITING MESSAGES



POST CARD



Dear Elsie  
 We arrived in  
 at 9:00 O'clock  
 Having a swell  
 time. Hope you  
 were here with  
 us as you were  
 Mrs. Mrs Robert  
 (Marcella Moin) Leonard  
 143 Bartlett St.  
 Lewiston Me.

THIS SPACE FOR WRITING

POST CARD

THIS SIDE IS FOR THE ADDRESS



Cher Elsie,  
 Montréal est  
 beau. J'ai été  
 100. J'ai voyagé  
 avec eux au  
 de l'après-midi  
 plus. Pour lui  
 pas de trop  
 mais il a  
 même à  
 le voir à  
 pour la  
 maille  
 me he a  
 143 Bartlett St.  
 Lewiston  
 Maine



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FR. MITCHELL KOPROWSKI  
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Dear Denis

Leona Mailhot, a sister to Elisee Dutil, may<sup>God</sup>  
rest in peace.

It was on the Anzio Beachhead thta Elisee  
wrote that beautiful poem.

The Good Sisters from N Dakota informed about  
The poem being used for other purposes.....  
a holy picture card.

I've been retireed for 21 years and do offer  
my daily Masses for all of us, the living and  
the dead.

I'M the oldest priest in my diocese.

Fr. Mike

### PRAYER TO JESUS CRUCIFIED

I beseech Thee, most amiable Lord  
Jesus Christ, may Thy Passion be to me  
a power by which I may be strengthened,  
protected and defended. May Thy wounds  
be to me food and drink, by which I may  
be nourished, inebriated and overjoyed.  
May the sprinkling of Thy Blood cleanse  
me of all my sins. May Thy death prove  
to me life everlasting, and Thy Cross be  
to me an eternal glory. In these be my re-  
freshment, my joy, my preservation and  
sweetness of heart. Who liveth and reign-  
eth world without end. Amen.

*Ecclesiastical Approbation*

*Carmelite Nuns  
Carmel of Mary  
Wahpeton, North Dakota*



My Crucifix



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MY CRUCIFIX

A little blessed crucifix,  
As plain as it can be,  
But only God in Heaven knows  
How dear it is to me.

I have it always with me,  
In every step I take;  
At evening when I slumber,  
At morning when I wake;

In bright or cloudy weather,  
In sunshine or in rain:  
In happiness or sorrow,  
In pleasure or in pain.

It helps me in my struggles,  
It reproves me when I sin;  
Its look of gentle patience  
Rebukes the strife within.

In days of pain and anguish,  
The greatest Help I knew  
Was to hold that little crucifix  
Until I calmer grew;

And looking on that Figure,  
Which hung in patience there,  
I saw the dreadful torture  
Which He, in love, did bear.

His feet are nailed together,  
His loving arms outspread,  
And blood is dropping slowly down  
From His thorn-crowned Head.

And how could I then murmur,  
Or bitterly complain,  
When love for me induced Him  
To undergo such pain?

So when the time approaches  
That I shall have to die,  
I hope that little crucifix  
Will close beside me lie:

That the Holy Name of Jesus  
May be the last that I shall say,  
And kissing that dear crucifix  
My soul may pass away.

*Elisee A. Dutil*



### MY ROSARY BEADS

A little pair of Rosary Beads,  
As plain as plain can be,  
But only God in Heaven knows  
How dear they are to me.

I have them always with me  
At every step I take,  
At evening when I slumber  
At morn when I awake.

In bright and cloudy weather,  
In sunshine or in rain,  
In happiness or sorrow,  
In pleasure or in pain.

It helps me in my struggle.  
It reproves me when in sin,  
Its look of gentle patience  
Rebukes the strife within.

In days of pain and anguish,  
The greatest help I knew  
Was to hold my Rosary Beads  
Until I calmer grew.

So when the time approaches  
When I will have to die,  
I hope my little Rosary Beads  
Will close beside me lie.

That the holy name of Jesus  
May be the last I say,  
And kissing my Rosary Beads,  
My soul may pass away.

JEFFERIES & MANZ - PHILA. 25, PA.

### MY CRUCIFIX

A little metal crucifix  
As plain as it can be  
But only God in heaven knows  
How dear it is to me.

I have it always with me  
With every step I take,  
In evening when I slumber,  
In morning when I awake.

In bright or cloudy weather  
In sunshine or in rain  
In happiness or in sorrow  
In pleasure or in pain

It helps me in my struggles  
It reproves me when I sin,  
Its look of gentle patience  
Rebukes the strife within.

In days of pain and anguish  
The greatest help I knew  
Was to hold the little crucifix  
Until I calmer grew.

And looking at the figure  
Which hung in patience there  
I saw the dreadful torture  
Which He with Love did bear.

Oh! His feet nailed together  
His loving arms outstretched  
And blood keeps dripping slowly  
Down from his thornecrowned head.

How could I then murmur  
Or bitterly complain  
When Love for me induced Him  
To undergo such pain?

So, when the time approaches  
That I will have to die  
I pray that little crucifix  
Will close besides me lie.

O God, the Holy Name of Jesus,  
May it be the last I say  
And kissing that dear crucifix  
My soul may pass away.

His father's and relatives address:

Alphonse Dutil  
143 Bartlett St.  
Lewiston, ME 04240

Written on the Anzio-  
Nettuno beachhead 1944.

Pfc. Elisee A. Dutil  
Regt. Hdqs. Co.  
7th Inf. Regt.

KIA near Zweibrucken  
around March 18, 1945



FOR THE MEN IN THE FOXHOLES

MY CRUCIFIX

I started in my foxhole and I  
finished in the hospital

A little metal Crucifix,  
As plain as it can be,  
But only God in Heaven knows  
How dear it is to me.

I have it always with me,  
In every step I take,  
In evening when I slumber,  
In morning when I awake.

In bright or cloudy weather,  
In sunshine or in rain,  
In happiness or in sorrow,  
In pleasure or in pain.

It helps me in my struggles,  
It improves me when I sin,  
It's look of gentle patience,  
Rebukes the strife within.

In days of pain and anguish,  
The greatest help I knew,  
Was to hold the little crucifix  
Until I calmer grew.

And looking at the figure,  
Which hung in patience there,  
I saw the dreadful torture  
Which He and love did bear.

His feet are nailed together,  
His loving arms outspread,  
And blood is dripping slowly  
Down from His thorn-crowned head.

And how then could I murmur,  
Or bitterly complain  
When love for me induced Him  
To undergo such pain.

So when the time approaches  
That I will have to die,  
I hope that little Crucifix  
Will close beside me lie.

That the Holy name of Jesus  
May be the last I say;  
And kissing that dear Crucifix  
My soul may pass away.

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Men in the service, please don't forget  
to read this prayer often.  
Say your act of perfect contrition  
every night before retiring.  
Say five times, Our Father, Hail Mary,  
and A glory be Etc.. for the Holy  
Father and the church.  
Also say every day and night:-

My Good Lord, I offer Thee every day  
or night,  
All I shall do or think or say,  
Uniting it with what was done  
On earth by Jesus Christ Thy Son,

I wish you soldiers the best of luck,  
And pray God will bless and protect  
you always.

Pfc. Elisee A. Dutil  
Better known as "Frenchie"  
Reg't'l Hq. Co., 7th Inf., APO 3



For The Men In The Foxholes

"My Crucifix"

I started in my foxhole and I  
finished in the hospital

A little metal Crucifix,  
As plain as it can be,  
But only God in Heaven knows  
How dear it is to me.

I have it always with me,  
In every step I take,  
In evening when I slumber,  
In morning when I awake.

In bright or cloudy weather,  
In sunshine or in rain,  
In happiness or in sorrow,  
In pleasure or in pain.

It helps me in my struggles,  
It reproves me when I sin,  
It's look of gentle patience,  
Rebukes the strife within.

In days of pain and anguish,  
The greatest help I know,  
Was to hold the little Crucifix  
Until I clamor grew.

And looking at the figure,  
Which hung in patience there,  
I saw the dreadful torture  
Which He and love did bear.

His feet are nailed together,  
His loving arms outspread,  
And blood is dripping slowly  
Down from His thorn-crowned head.

And how then could I murmur,  
Or bitterly complain  
When love for me induced Him  
To undergo such pain.

So when the time approaches  
That I will have to flie,  
I hope that little Crucifix  
Will close beside me lie.



That the Holy name of Jesus  
May be the last I say;  
(Jesus, Mary, Joseph, please don't forget  
recited three times, every day and night  
for your own protection,)  
And kissing that dear Crucifix  
My soul may pass away.

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Men, please don't forget, read this prayer  
every moment of the day, and also don't  
forget to say your Act of Contrition perfect,  
every day and night.  
Say also, soldiers, five times,  
Our Father, Hail Mary, A glory be etc. for the Holy  
Father and the Church.

Please soldiers don't forget to say every day  
and night, My Good Lord, I offer Thee this day,  
or night,  
All I shall do or think or say,  
Uniting it with what was done  
On earth by Jesus Christ Thy Son,

I wish you soldiers the best of luck,  
And pray God will bless and protect you always.

-----Pfc. Elisee A. Dutil  
Better known as "Frenchie"  
Regt'l Hq. Co., 7th Inf., APO #3



EVERY.



### Blessé pour la deuxième fois

Mr. Elisée Dutil, was sworn into the military June 9<sup>th</sup> in Portland, where he passed his last physical exam, before being inducted into the Selective Service, he will finish his 10 day leave next Friday to then be stationed at a military camp of the country's armed forces.

The young man is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Dutil, 143 Bartlett St. He is vice president of the honor guard of the Catholic Foresters, member of the Order of Defenders, the Orphan of the Friends of the Ancients of the Brother of the Sacred Heart, the Dramatic Circle of the Catholic Defenders, St. Peter's Parish Choir, and founding member of the Boy Scouts at St. Peter's Parish.

The military Dutil has been the subject of several surprise evenings these last days and he received pretty magnificent purses and pretty gifts. He was employed at the Bates Spinning Mill.

The soldier, PFC Elisee A. Dutil, is the son of Mr. Alphonse Dutil of 143 Bartlett street, was seriously injured at the Italian Front on this past October 15<sup>th</sup> according to a telegram received from the War Department.

He was decorated with a purple heart as a result of another injury to his right leg during the Sicilian campaign. He has been in service overseas since January 1943. He did his training at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. He has been in the Army in June 1942. Letter received on November 8<sup>th</sup> by his Father informed him that he was a doing a little bit better.



## Blessé pour la deuxième fois

### LE MILITAIRE DUTIL

M. Elisée Dutil, militaire assermenté le 9 juin à Portland, où il passa les derniers examens physiques avant d'être induit dans le service sélectif, terminera son congé de 10 jours vendredi prochain pour ensuite être stationné à un camp militaire des forces armées du pays.



M. ELISÉE DUTIL

Le jeune homme est le fils de M. et Mme Alphonse Dutil, 143 rue Bartlett. Il est vice-président de la Garde d'Honneur des Forestiers Catholiques, membre des Défenseurs, de l'Orphéon, de l'Amical des Anciens des Frères du Sacré-Coeur, du cercle dramatique des Défenseurs, de la chorale St-Pierre et membre fondateur des Boys Scout de St-Pierre.

Le militaire Dutil a été l'objet de plusieurs soirées surprises ces jours derniers et il reçut de magnifiques bourses et de jolis cadeaux. Il était employé à la filature Bates.

Le soldat de première classe Elisée-A. Dutil, fils de M. Alphonse Dutil, de 141 rue Bartlett, a été sérieusement blessé sur le front italien, le 15 octobre dernier, d'après un télégramme que M. Dutil vient de recevoir du bureau de la Guerre. Le jeune Dutil



M. ELISÉE-A. DUTIL

a été décoré du Coeur Pourpre à la suite d'une autre blessure qu'il avait reçue à la jambe droite, durant la campagne de Sicile. Il est en service outre-mer depuis le mois de janvier 1943. Il a fait son entraînement au Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. Il est dans l'armée depuis le mois de juin 1942. Une lettre reçue le 8 novembre par son père l'informe qu'il va un peu mieux.



PFC Eliseé Dutil was killed in Germany

One of our well-known young men just made the supreme sacrifice of his life. A private first class soldier, he was the son of Mr. Alphonse Dutil of 141 Bartlett Street. He succumbed to his wounds in Germany on March 18th at the age of 25, according to a dispatch received this morning from the War Department.

The young soldier had been wounded for the third time, He was inducted in the service in June 1942, and was sent overseas in January 1943. He passed through England, then he did a campaign in Africa, then Sicily, and Italy, where he was injured for the first time in Anzio. He passed through France, where he was hurt for the second time, then in Germany, where he was fatally wounded.

The young Dutil had been decorated with the purple heart and the clip of the oak leaf and the infantry medal. Before his introduction he worked at the Bates textile mill, he was active in the Society of Defenders and in the cadets of the Catholic Foresters and the choir of the St. Peter's parish (Basilica of St. Peter & Paul). Other than his father, he leaves two sisters, Mrs. Leona Mailhot and Gracienne McGraw, as well as two brothers, Mr. Adelard Dutil and Mr. Raymond Dutil; a niece and uncles and aunts.

The 11th of last February, the mother of the late young soldier died in Lewiston and the Reverend Father François Drouin, had written soldier, Eliseé Dutil to tell him about the painful news. There is no doubt that both of them, even Mrs. Dutil and her son, had led exemplary Christian lives.



## Le PFC Elisée Dutil a été tué en Allemagne

Un de nos jeunes gens avantageusement connus vient de faire le suprême sacrifice de sa vie.

Le soldat de première classe Elisée Dutil, fils de M. Alphonse Dutil, de 141 rue Bartlett, a succombé à ses blessures, en Allemagne, le 18 mars, à l'âge de 25 ans, d'après une dépêche reçue ce matin du Département de la Guerre.



PFC Elisée Dutil

Le jeune militaire venait d'être blessé pour la troisième fois.

Il fut induit dans le service en juin 1942, et fut envoyé outremer en janvier 1943. Il passa en Angleterre puis il fit la campagne d'Afrique, de la Sicile et de l'Italie, où il fut blessé pour la première fois, à Anzio. Il passa en France, où il fut blessé une deuxième fois, puis en Allemagne, où il fut mortellement atteint.

Le jeune Dutil avait été décoré du Coeur Pourpre et de l'agrafe de feuille de chêne, ainsi que de la médaille d'Infanterie.

Avant son induction, il travaillait à la filature Bates et il était actif dans la société des Défenseurs, ainsi que dans les cadets des Forestiers Catholiques et le chœur de chant de la paroisse St-Pierre.

Outre son père, il laisse deux soeurs, Mlles Léona et Gracienne, ainsi que deux frères, MM. Adélard et Raymond; une nièce et plusieurs oncles et tantes.

Le 11 février dernier, la mère du jeune soldat décédait à Lewiston, et le Rév. Père François Drouin, curé de la paroisse St-Pierre, avait écrit au soldat Dutil pour lui apprendre la pénible nouvelle. Il est mort peu après avoir appris qu'il était orphelin de mère. Il ne fait pas de doute que tous deux se sont retrouvés là-haut, car Mme Dutil et son fils eurent une vie chrétienne exemplaire.



## **La dépouille mortelle du soldat Elisée**

### **Paragraph 1**

A dispatch from the government received by Mr. Dutil announces that the mortal remains of his son Eliséé have arrived in New York. PFC. Eliséé Dutil, 25 years old, was the son of Mr. Alphonse Dutil and the late Adile Côté living on 141 Bartlett Street, Lewiston. He was born here in Lewiston on November 24, 1919 and attended St. Pierre school and was a graduate from Lewiston High School.

### **Paragraph 2**

Before he entered the Army he worked at the Bates Mills. He was very active in the society of Defenders and the Cadets of Catholic Forestry and one of the Founders of Normand Dion Veterans Post. He was in the choir of the singing of the parish St. Peter's. He entered the service in June 1942 and was sent overseas in January 1943. He passed through England and he did campaigns in Africa, Sicily and Italy and he was injured in Anzio. He also fought wars in France where he was injured for the second time, and also in Germany where he was fatally wounded in 18 of March, 1945.

### **Paragraph 3**

The soldier Dutil was decorated with the purple heart and had an oak leaf pin. Besides his father, he leaves two sisters, Mrs. Wilfrid (Leona) Mailhot, Mrs. Bob (Gratienne) McGraw, two brothers, Adelard and Raymond all from Lewiston. The details of the funeral this summer entrusts at the Pinette funeral home.



## La dépouille mortelle du soldat Elisée Dutil

Une dépêche du gouvernement reçue par M. Dutil annonce que la dépouille mortelle de son fils Elisée est arrivée à New-York.

Le Pfc. Elisée Dutil, 25 ans, était le fils de M. Alphonse Dutil et de feu Adèle Côté de 141 rue Barlett, Lewiston. Il était né ici à Lewiston le 24 novembre 1919 et a fréquenté l'école St-Pierre et était diplômé du Lewiston High School.

Avant d'entrer dans l'Armée, il travaillait aux filatures Bates. Il était très actif dans la société des Défenseurs et dans les cadets des Forestiers Catholiques et un des fondateurs du poste Normand Dionne des vétérans de guerres étrangères. Il appartenait au



Elisée Dutil

choeur de chant de la paroisse St-Pierre. Il entra dans le service en juin 1942 et fut envoyé outre-mer en janvier 1943. Il passa en Angleterre puis il fit la campagne de l'Afrique de la Sicile et de l'Italie et fut blessé à Anzio. Il a combattu ensuite en France où il fut blessé pour la deuxième fois, et ensuite en Allemagne où il fut atteint mortellement, le 18 mars 1945.

Le soldat Dutil fut décoré du Coeur Pourpre et de l'épingle de feuille de chêne.

Outre son père, il laisse deux soeurs, Mme Willie, Léona, Mallhot, Mme Bob Gratienne McGraw deux frères, Adélard et Raymond tous de Lewiston.

Les détails de ces funérailles ont été confiés à la maison Pinette.



### MRS. ALPHONSE DUTIL

Mrs. Odile Dutil, 55, of 143 Bartlett Street died at her home Sunday evening after an illness of a few weeks. She was born in Lewiston Oct. 10, 1889, the daughter of Pierre and Clarisse Lessard Cote.

Surviving beside her husband are three sons, Adelard and Raymond of Lewiston and PFC Elisee, with the Army in France; two daughters, Leona and Gracienne, both of Lewiston; one granddaughter; three sisters, Miss Leda Cote, Mrs. Napoleon Gosselin, and Mrs. Louis Samson, all of Lewiston.

#### DIED

In Lewiston, February 11, Mrs. Alphonse Dutil, age 55. Remains at the Pinette Funeral Parlor, 87 Bartlett Street. Funeral Services Wednesday morning, time to be announced later.

Le service de Mme Alphonse Dutil a été chanté ce matin à 9 heures par le R. P. Remillard, assisté des RR. P. Clark et Beauchamp, comme diacre et sous diacre. Les porteurs étaient: MM. Albert Blodeau, Wilfrid Côté, Charles St-Hilaire, Napoléon Gosselin, Dominique Côté et Ephrem Alard. Le chant a été fait par MM. George Giboïn, organiste Gérard Lajoie, Adelard P. Roy, Alfred Bégin et Emilio Ouellette. Les personnes venues de l'extérieur étaient: Mme Henry Cormier, de Rumford, M. Stanislas Dutil, de Sherbrooke, beau frère de la défunte. Le corps a été déposé dans le charnier, au cimetière St-Pierre pour être inhumé dans le lot de la famille au printemps. Les funérailles étaient sous la direc-



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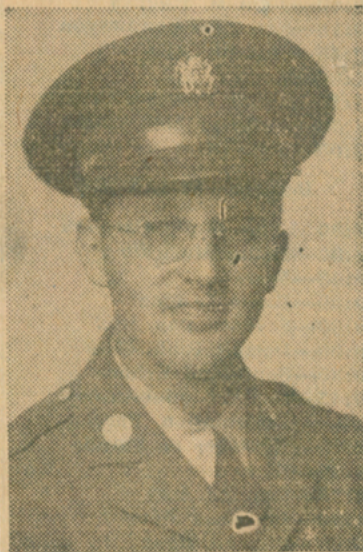


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M. ELISÉE-A. DUTIL

a été décoré du Coeur Pourpre à la suite d'une autre blessure qu'il avait reçue à la jambe droite, durant la campagne de Sicile. Il est en service outre-mer depuis le mois de janvier 1943. Il a fait son entraînement au Fort George G. Meade, Maryland. Il est dans l'armée depuis le mois de juin 1942. Une lettre reçue le 8 novembre par son père l'informe qu'il va un peu mieux.

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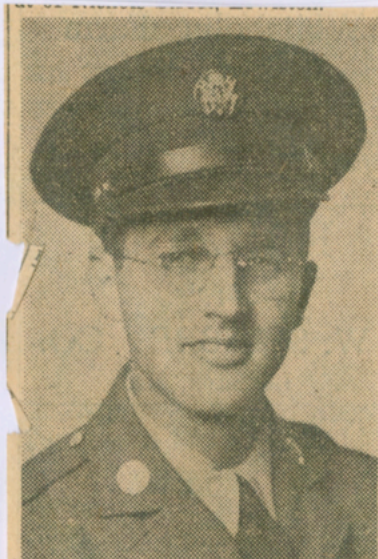
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PFC ELISEE DUTIL

## PFC Dutil's Body To Arrive Thursday

The body of PFC Elisee Dutil, who was killed in action in Germany in 1945, will arrive here at 8:10 Thursday morning.

A delegation from various military organizations will be at the Maine Central Railroad station when the body of PFC Dutil arrives. It will be escorted to the Pinette Funeral Home. Libera services will be held at SS Peter and Paul Church at 9 A.M. Saturday morning.

He was very active in the Defenseurs and the Cadets of the Catholic Order of Foresters, and is a charter member of the Normand Dionne Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He belonged to the choir of St. Peter's Parish and was a member of the Orpheon.

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*Odile Côté*

Epouse de Alphonse Dutil

Née à Lewiston, Maine,  
le 10 octobre 1889.  
Décédée à Lewiston, Maine,  
le 11 février 1945.  
A l'âge de 55 ans et 4 mois.  
R. I. P.

Adieu, chers époux, enfants et parents bien-aimés, je me suis soumise à la volonté de Dieu, j'ai vu venir la mort avec le calme et le courage que donne la foi.  
Pourquoi pleurer mon départ, puisque la mort est la fin de mes souffrances?

Coeur Sacré de Jésus, j'ai confiance en vous.  
(300 jrs. d'ind.)

Miséricordieux Jésus, donnez-lui le repos éternel.  
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Adieu, parents que j'ai tant aimés.  
Adieu, chers amis.

Dans quelle tristesse va vous plonger la mort qui m'enlève si vite à votre affection!

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IN REPLY REFER TO:  
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3 April 1945

- Mrs. Odile Dutil  
143 Bartlett Street  
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Dear Mrs. Dutil:

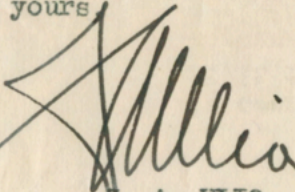
I deeply regret that it is necessary to confirm the telegram of recent date informing you of the death of your son, Private First Class Elisee A. Dutil, 31,116,655, Infantry, who died on 18 March 1945 in Germany as a result of wounds received in action on that date.

I wish I could give you more information but reports of this nature prepared in active theaters of operations are brief and contain only essential facts. Recently provisions were made whereby there will be sent directly to the emergency addressee or the next of kin a letter containing further information about each person who dies overseas in the service of our country, and if this letter has not already been received, it may be expected soon.

The significance of his heroic service to his country will be preserved and commemorated by a grateful nation, and it is hoped that this thought may give you strength and courage in your sorrow.

My deepest sympathy is extended to you in your bereavement.

Sincerely yours

  
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Major General  
The Adjutant General

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Bulletin of Information



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HEADQUARTERS THURD INFANTRY DIVISION  
Office of the Chaplain  
APO. # 3

April 15, 1945

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My dear Mr. Dutil:

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The Government is very conscientious about returning all personal effects to a soldier's next-of-kin; but it takes a little time. I do not know whether Elisee left any personal effects. If he did, rest assured you shall receive them in due time. Should you ever have any questions concerning them or the exact location of his grave, or the manner of obtaining his body after the war, only

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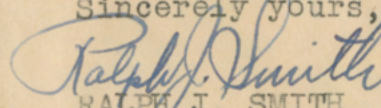
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A P O No. 3

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## "My Crucifix"

By Elisee A. Dutil

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I have it always with me, In every step I take; At evening when I slumber, At morning when I awake.	His feet are nailed together, His loving arms outspread, And blood is dropping slowly From His thorn-crowned Head.
In bright or cloudy weather, In sunshine or in rain; In happiness or sorrow, In pleasure or in pain,	And how could I then murmur, Or bitterly complain, When love for me induced Him To undergo such pain?
It helps me in my struggles, It reproves me when I sin, Its look of gentle patience Rebukes the strife within	So when the time approaches That I shall have to die, I hope that little crucifix Will close beside me lie;
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Family lore says his mother, Odile, who had died in Lewiston a month earlier, had seen Elisee suffer enough.

"Because he was wounded three times," Mailhot said, "it was always said that she came back to get her son."

Elisee was originally buried in

France. A year later, his father, Alphonse, paid to have his body exhumed and sent back home to be buried at the family plot at St. Peter's Cemetery. His name is included on the new granite stone placed in Veterans' Memorial Park in Lewiston.

In addition to Elisee's story, told in letters, postcards, pictures and documents, the two binders compiled by Mailhot contain the history of his grandfathers, Wilfrid Mailhot and Alphonse Dutil, in World War I and their sons, including Elisee and Denis' father, Wilfrid Mailhot Jr., who all fought in World War II.

All of the photos are documented and a series of photos show a pictorial history of Paris in the mid-1940s. The original documents include the actual letter informing his relatives of Elisee's death.

"My mother died 12 years ago," Mailhot said. "I dug out all the stuff that she had saved. That's when I decided that this has to be recorded. I want my children and my grandchildren to go through this one day."

The biggest challenge was deciphering the postcards, written in cursive French with lines squeezed together to fit as much as possible on them. Mailhot reached out to the University of Southern Maine Franco-American Collection in Lewiston and a French teacher at Edward Little High School.

"It was difficult. They were hard to read," said Doris Belisle-Bonneau, a board member of the Franco collection. "When you read them aloud it was interesting picking up the phonetic expressions. The themes consisted of belonging and family. That kind of sadness of being so far away."

Seth Goodwin and his French IV class at Edward Little High School in Auburn picked away at the project for a couple of months trying to translate the postcards and newspaper clippings from the Le Messenger, a French newspaper based in Lewiston. The 13 students worked in teams to decipher the various writings.

The students, not much younger than Elisee was when he went to war, were touched by all that he went through overseas, "learning about the combat experience and the many tours that he did, putting his life on hold for his country," Goodwin said.

The USM Franco-American Collection plans to digitize the two binders for their archives.

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LEO R. ELIE	USN	V	MARK
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ALBERT J. DUMONT	USAF	V	MARK
LEON J. DEMERS			



him for a third time. He never recovered from those serious wounds.

Family lore says his mother, Odile, who had died in Lewiston a month earlier, had seen Elisee suffer enough.

"Because he was wounded three times," Mailhot said, "it was always said that she came back to get her son."

Elisee was originally buried in France. A year later, his father, Alphonse, paid to have his body exhumed and sent back home to be buried at the family plot at St. Peter's Cemetery. His name is included on the new granite stone placed in Veterans' Memorial Park in Lewiston.

In addition to Elisee's story, told in letters, postcards, pictures and documents, the two binders compiled by Mailhot contain the history of his grandfathers, Wilfrid Mailhot and Alphonse Dutil, in World War I and their sons, including Elisee and Denis' father, Wilfrid Mailhot Jr., who all fought in World War II.

All of the photos are documented and a series of photos show a pictorial history of Paris in the mid- 1940s. The original documents include the actual letter informing his relatives of Elisee's death.

"My mother died 12 years ago," Mailhot said. "I dug out all the stuff that she had saved. That's when I decided that this has to be recorded.

I want my children and my grandchildren to go through this one day."

The biggest challenge was deciphering the postcards, written in cursive French with lines squeezed together to fit as much as possible on them. Mailhot reached out to the University of Southern Maine Franco-American Collection in Lewiston and a French teacher at Edward Little High School.

"It was difficult. They were hard to read," said Doris Belisle-Bonneau, a board member of the Franco collection. "When you read them aloud it was interesting picking up the phonetic expressions.

The themes consisted of belonging and family. That kind of sadness of being so far away."

Seth Goodwin and his French IV class at Edward Little High School in Auburn picked away at the project for a couple of months trying to translate the postcards and newspaper clippings from the Le Messenger, a French newspaper based in Lewiston. The 13 students worked in teams to decipher the various writings.

The students, not much younger than Elisee was when he went to war, were touched by all that he went through overseas. "learning about the combat experience and the



The USM Franco-American Collection plans to digitize the two binders for their archives.

"What's unique about this is the written language," Belisle-Bonneau said. "The writing of these is atypical. It was a heartfelt effort to communicate. The people who received these cards could feel the angst and the loneliness."

A little crucifix, As plain as it can be, But  
only God in Heaven knows How dear it is  
to me.

I have it always with me, In every step I  
take; At evening when I slumber, At  
morning when I awake.

In bright or cloudy weather, In sunshine or  
in rain: In happiness or sorrow, In pleasure  
or in pain.

It helps me in my struggles, It reproves me  
when I sin; Its look of gentle patience Rebukes the strife within.

In days of pain and anguish, The greatest Help I knew Was to hold that little crucifix  
Until I calmer grew;

And looking on that Figure, Which hung in patience there, I saw the dreadful torture  
Which He, in Love, did bear.

His feet are nailed together, His loving arms outspread, And blood is dropping slowly  
down From His thorn-crowned Head.

And how could I then murmur, Or bitterly complain, When love for me induced Him  
To undergo such pain?

So when the time approaches That I shall have to die, I hope that little crucifix Will  
close beside me lie;

That the Holy Name of Jesus May be the last that I shall say, And kissing that dear  
crucifix My soul may pass away.

Message from the Division Commander

Maj. Gen. John W. O'Daniel



# "My Crucifix"

BY ELISEE A. DUTIL

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contribution you have made to America and all it stands for in the lost of your loved ones.

These things are hard to understand, but in a war such as this one where the gain to be had was so great and the destruction of the evil force so necessary, great sacrifice was inevitable.

We who are living know that the success of the Division and our own very existence is due mainly to those who unselfishly gave their lives in battle. This realization will be with us always.

Now that the German Army is destroyed, you can well feel proud that through your great contribution, our nation may live as intended, in freedom and goodness.

As Division Commander of the Third Division, I speak from the bottom of my heart for all of us when I say be of good cheer and be ever proud that his sacrifice makes it possible for our country to be great and free forever.











1883 ALPHONSE DUTHIL 1982

EPOUX DE

1889 ODILE COTE 1945

1915 EMELDA DUTHIL 1915

1919 ROLAND DUTHIL 1919

ELISEE DUTHIL

DCD EN ALLEMAGNE

LE 18 MARS 1945

AGE DE 25 ANS

1892 ELDA COTE DUTHIL 1971

1919 IRENE DUTHIL 1983

1918 ADOLPHE DUTHIL 1990



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HOULTON

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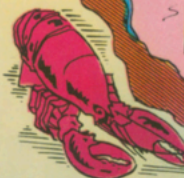
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YORK BEACH

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BATHING BEACHES





Nickname—Pine Tree State  
1950 Population—913,774  
Area in Sq. Miles—33,040  
Entered the Union, Mar. 15, 1820

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# Viet Nam War 'Conflict'

**Denis W. Mailhot**

**Communications Technician Radio, 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Petty Officer  
&  
3<sup>rd</sup> Class Petty Officer, Chaplain's Yeoman**

- ✚ August 12, 1969 – Joined U.S. Navy
- ✚ Boot Camp Great Lakes, Illinois
- ✚ CTR3 School – Pensacola, Florida
- ✚ 1<sup>st</sup> Duty Station – U.S. Naval Station, Winter Harbor, Maine (Cutler Station).
- ✚ 2<sup>nd</sup> Duty Station – U.S. Naval Station, Kevlavik, Iceland
- ✚ 3<sup>rd</sup> Duty Station – U.S.S. John F. Kennedy (CVA67), Sixth Fleet Naval Base, Norfolk, Virginia, Chaplain's Yeoman ✚
- ✚ June 14, 1973 – Released from active duty
- ✚ April 17, 1975 – Honorably Discharge









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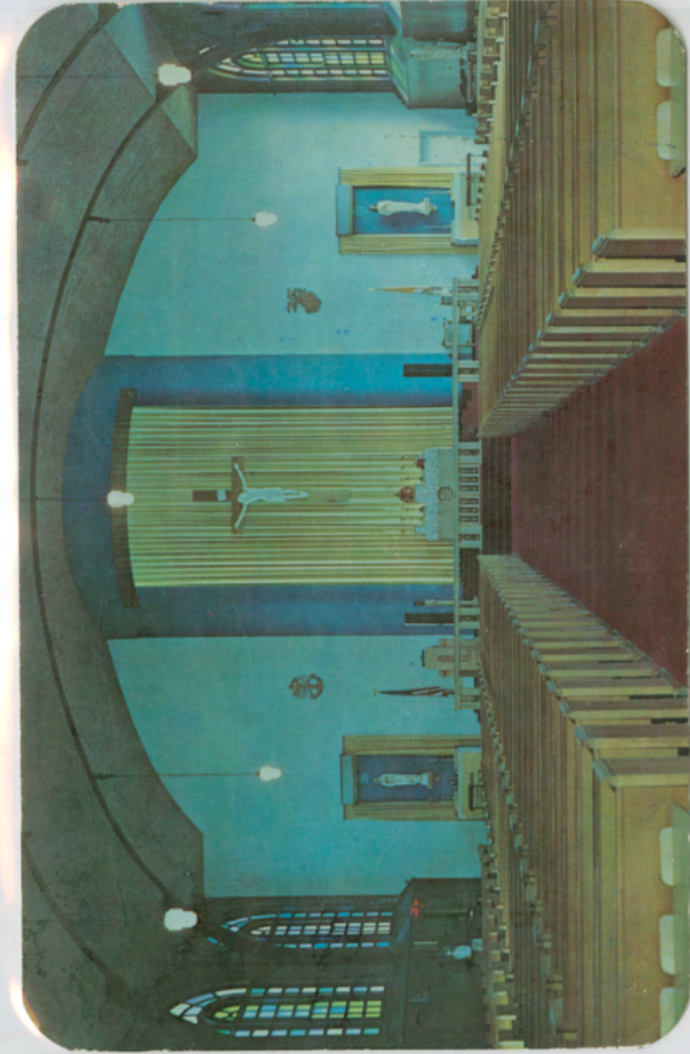


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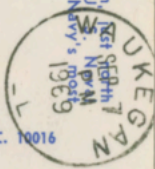


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Hi!  
 Thanks for the letter.  
 All so well and  
 life here is fine.  
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 mily and in 6 weeks Lewis-ton, Me.  
 I want one of your  
 meat-loops & bread  
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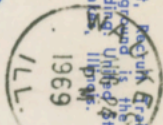
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Miss Susan Whitlot  
 29 Tampa St  
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Entrance to Camp Moffett, Recruit Training Command, Shown in the background is the camp Exchange and Recreation Building, United States Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.



Hi!  
 The food is great  
 but not enough  
 sleep. We make  
 card do our gun  
 manuals. We all  
 are fine. So Hi.  
 To Sue & Claude  
 Darius

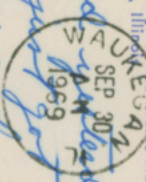
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HELLO! I called you today  
 and today I just got  
 back from mass and am  
 writing to say all is still  
 well. 24 days left and that  
 8 hour pass was great. 8 hours  
 of music + dancing and  
 just forties around. But  
 we are go on our 12 hour  
 pass and will go to Mat.  
 we are to the 144-A-GO-GO.  
 That should be fun. So Bye for now  
 Darius

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 29 TAMPA STREET  
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This is wonderful eat  
 all my food. I love  
 meals. Well. I am  
 stand in line one hour  
 every meal. I love  
 day to eat. Well  
 still I eat a burger  
 in Lewis-ton, Hope  
 all is well with  
 you and get  
 family, love  
 Darius

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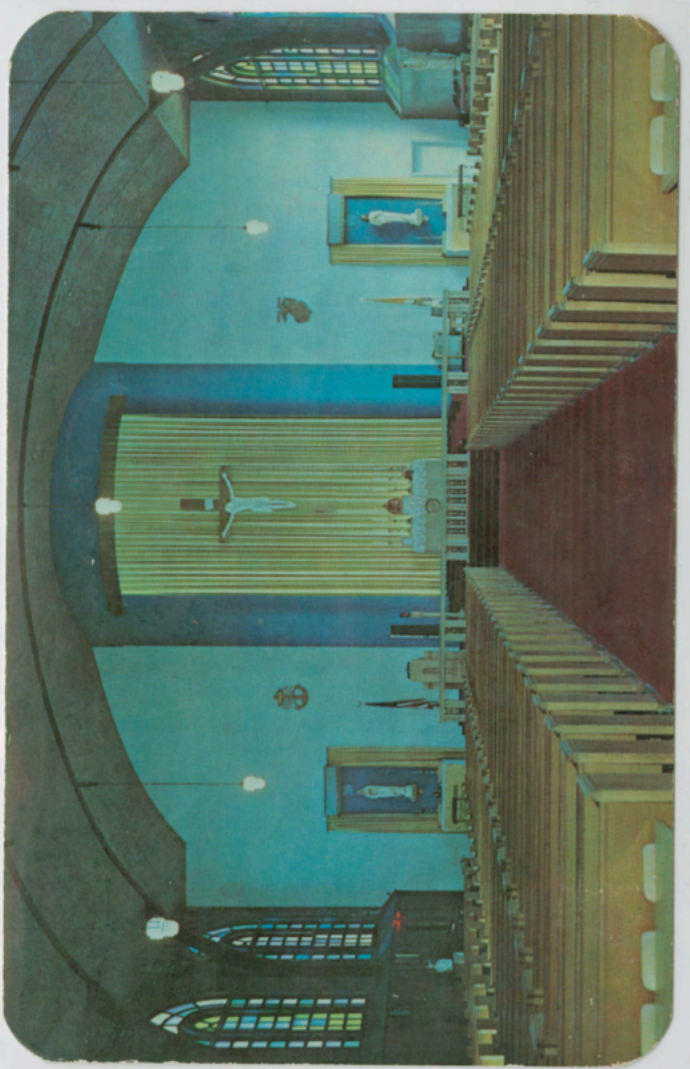
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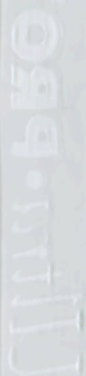
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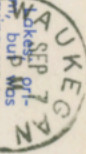






ALL SOULS CHAPEL

One of the oldest buildings of Great Britain, which was converted into a chapel in 1919, serving the needs of the American Republic provided funds for complete remodeling in 1946. The Chapel is now used for Sunday worship for Hospital Corpsman School students. Plans are under way to replace all windows with stained glass as a memorial for all doctors and hospital corpsmen who have given their lives in the service of their country.



Am dying to hear  
to Stone latest.  
Hlad you caught it  
all the time soon  
and you better  
keep our room in  
a-1 shape. So long  
Dennis

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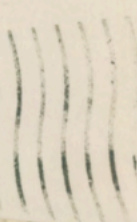
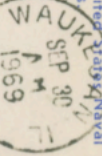
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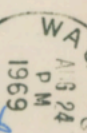
Bonjour Peppie.  
Toute va bien ici.  
J'espère que toute la  
famille est bien. Je  
suis très heureux pour  
quel-que jours dans  
3 semaine, Je de-  
cembre vous voir dans  
à tous la. Votre fils  
S. R. Dennis

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Mrs. Alphonse Dault  
141 BARTLETT ST  
LEWISTON, MAINE  
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S. R. Dennis

One of four Navy Exchange barber shops, which in one year, cut 450,000 heads of hair. United States Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.



Hi!  
Feeling great except  
for my new  
haircut. Say hi  
to Uncle Ray  
+ deny also Reginald Lewiston, ME.  
and Frank & Ed  
See you soon Dennis

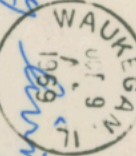
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Post Card

Mrs. Mrs. Raymond Dault  
171 Bartlett St  
Lewiston, ME  
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Standing inspection in dormitory of a new permanent barracks at U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois.



Post Card

Hello!  
This is my living  
quarters for weeks  
its pretty new  
but crowded. Its  
a little different than  
the picture but I like it. I'm  
in the same unit  
3 days to go. 4th  
and all the furniture  
to go for now. DENNIS

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John Allen Kingleth (Cachell) Portar  
James Andrew "Grunt" Reiss cap man  
Stevens "Brian" Williams Pipe  
Ranstool Pipe  
Kmil Newman (Sew)  
Hannery blue socks  
Reed west Smith 20 Pa  
Loew dolls chub Lynch  
(rank)



# *Denis Wilfrid Mailhot*

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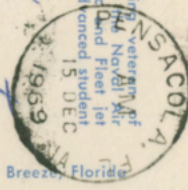
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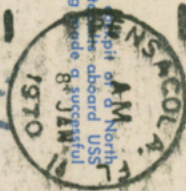
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Dear Mom & Dad  
The weather is great during the day but cold in the morning. Thanks for the card. This morning I told Dad that the sleeping 29 Tampa St the family tradition growing by him in the Lewiston ME. Gene is looking at these items for him. Love - 1969 for now  
Dinner  
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A boat Navy jet student in the North American T-28 taxis towards the USS LEXINGTON (CVS 16) after having arrested landing.



POST CARD

Address

WE'RE,  
YOUR CARD WILL  
ARRIVE NEXT  
week. & our you  
\$20.00, HA! HA!  
See you soon  
Keep it hanging  
cool.  
DWN  
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This is just a small part of the men and machines used to train our Navy pilots.

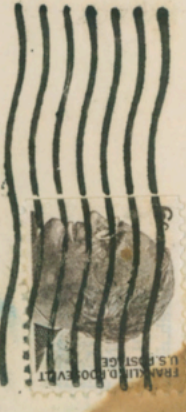


Post Card

Hi!  
Thanks for the card. I needed it. I'm also dying to hear the stories for the 29 Tampa St. I'm new nickname is 'Mickie' because I always play 29 Tampa St. I'll be home Dec 20 so see you then!  
Dinner  
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A beautiful Florida fruit cluster blossoms.



POST CARD

HELLO -  
It's damn cold. You're 10 degrees less. You're money about a week. Hope 29 Tampa St all is well. Say hi to all. LEWISTON, ME. and to long for now. Love  
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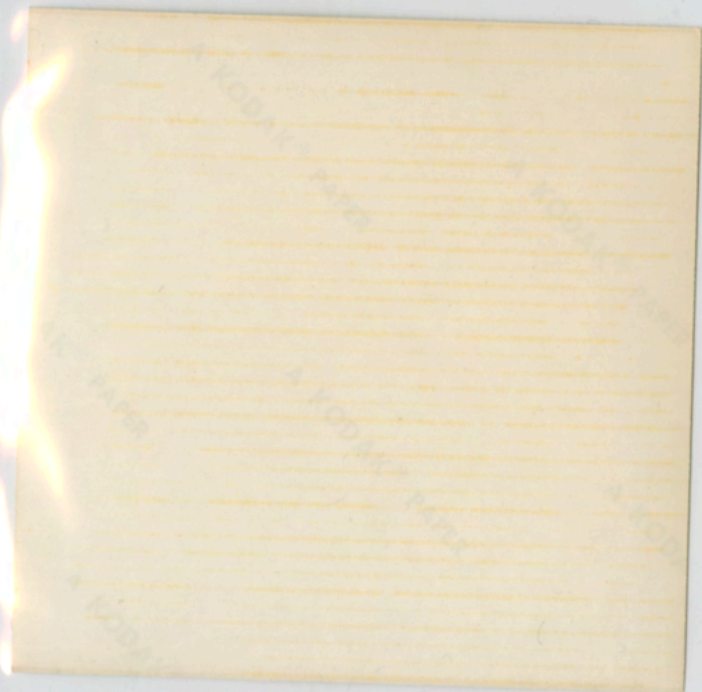
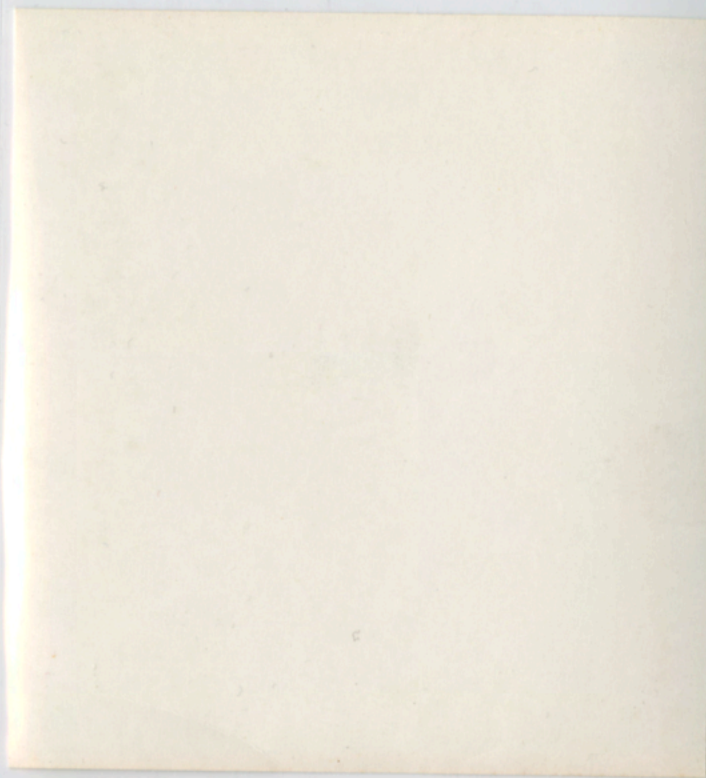
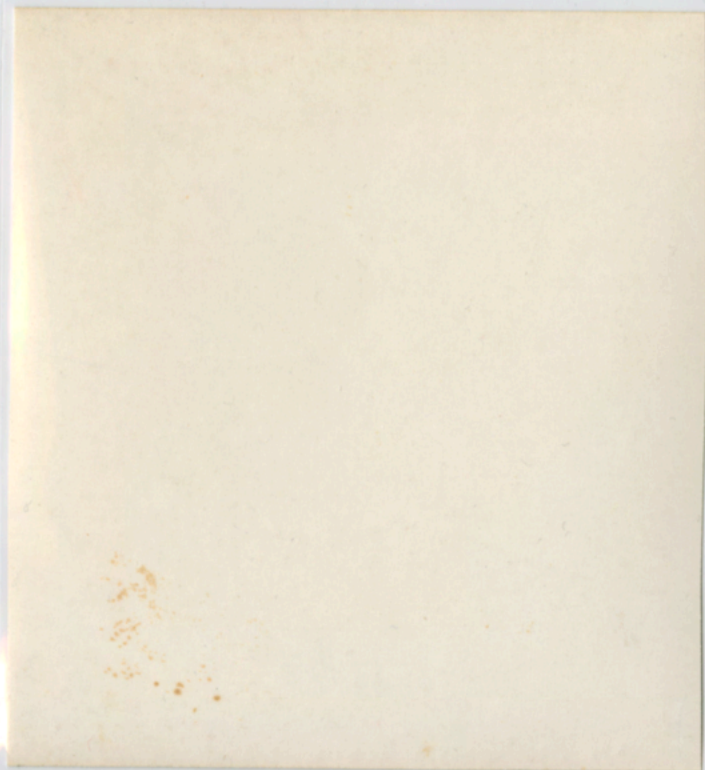
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Phil Lizotte  
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to florida

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AT BRUCE THOMPSON'S  
HOUSE PENSACOLA FLA.

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DENNIS W. MAILHOT  
ALIAS "THE FLOOT"

TAKEN BY PHIL LIZOTTE  
(SACO, MAINE)

WITH MR & MRS BRUCE THOMPSON  
(BELFAST, MAINE)

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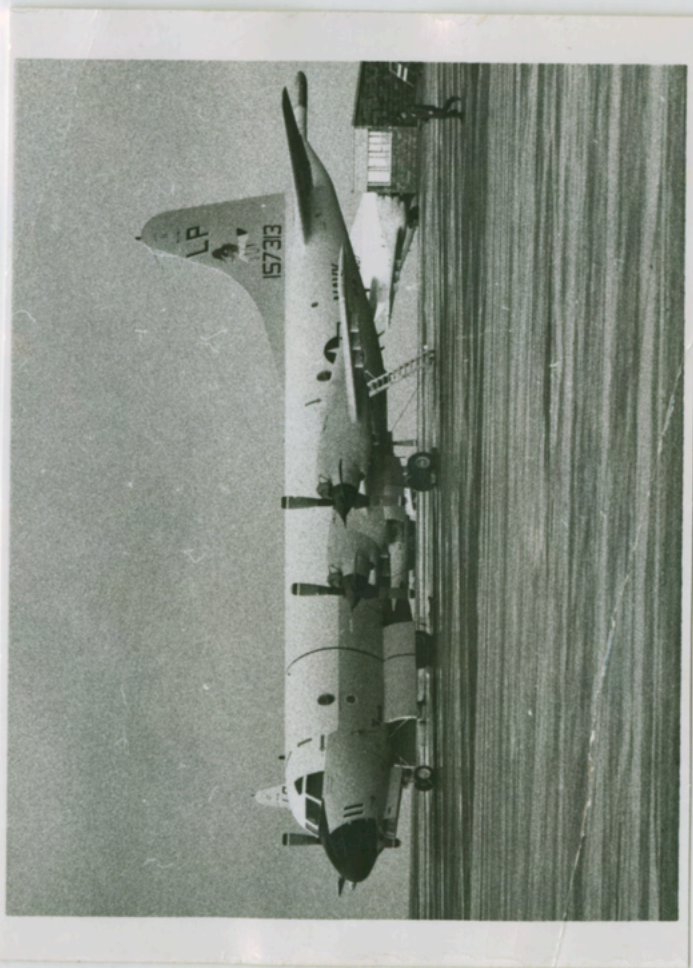


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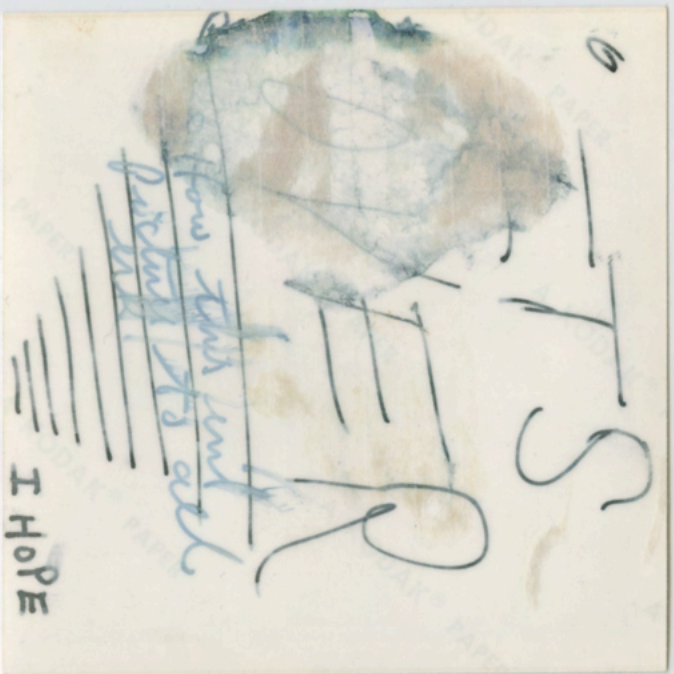


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1969 Boat Camp - Grant Lakes  
(Lees)  
Davis Park - 6/11/2010















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Plaza de Toros.  
Arenes.  
Bullring.

Hi-  
Just a note to let  
you know That all  
is well and after  
visiting Italy I am  
now in Spain and  
Will see you sometimes  
before December I  
hope. See you all  
soon. Denis.



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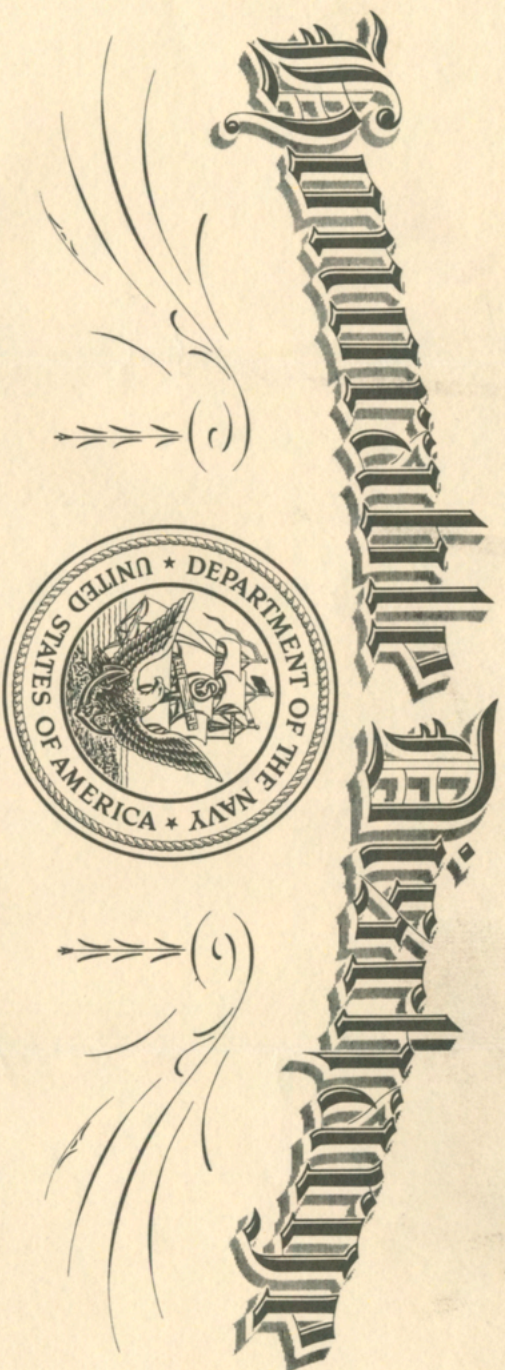




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21. TERMINAL DATE OF RESERVE/MSR OBLIGATION YEAR <b>75</b> MONTH <b>APR</b> DAY <b>17</b>		22. PLACE OF ENTRY INTO CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE (City, State and ZIP Code) <b>AUBURN, MAINE</b>				23. DATE ENTERED ACTIVE DUTY THIS PERIOD YEAR <b>69</b> MONTH <b>AUG</b> DAY <b>12</b>
24. PRIMARY SPECIALTY NUMBER AND TITLE <b>PN 0000/0000</b>		25. RELATED CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND D.O.T. NUMBER <b>205 PERSONAL CLERKS</b>		26. RECORD OF SERVICE		
27. SECONDARY SPECIALTY NUMBER AND TITLE <b>NONE</b>		28. RELATED CIVILIAN OCCUPATION AND D.O.T. NUMBER <b>NONE</b>		29. YEARS MONTHS DAYS		
30. INDOCHINA OR KOREA SERVICE SINCE AUGUST 5, 1964 <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO				31. HIGHEST EDUCATION LEVEL SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED (In Years) SECONDARY/HIGH SCHOOL <b>12</b> YRS (1-12 grades) COLLEGE _____ YRS		
32. TIME LOST (Preceding Two Yrs) <b>TL - .NONE</b> <b>EXLV - 06FEB73-</b> <b>06FEB73, 13MAR-17MAR73</b>		33. DAYS ACCRUED LEAVE PAID <b>NONE</b>		34. SERVICEMEN'S GROUP LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> \$15,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 <input type="checkbox"/> NONE		35. DISABILITY SEVERANCE PAY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES AMOUNT _____
36. DECORATIONS, MEDALS, BADGES, COMMENDATIONS, CITATIONS AND CAMPAIGN RIBBONS AWARDED OR AUTHORIZED <b>NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL</b>				37. PERSONNEL SECURITY INVESTIGATION a. TYPE <b>BI</b> b. DATE COMPLETED <b>70JAN12</b>		
38. REMARKS <b>BASIC MIL REQ</b> <b>NTC FOR SN</b> <b>MRPO 3&amp;2</b> <b>COMM TECH T, R, &amp; I PO 3&amp;2</b> <b>PRACT FACT FOR SN, CTR3</b> <b>CLASS ACT/R SHCOOL {20 WKS}</b>						
39. MAILING ADDRESS AFTER SEPARATION (Street, RFD, City, County, State and ZIP Code) <b>29 TAMPA ST., LEWISTON, MAINE 04240</b>				40. SIGNATURE OF PERSON BEING SEPARATED <i>Denis W Mailhot</i>		
41. TYPED NAME, GRADE AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZING OFFICER <b>G D MCBRIDE, PNC, USN</b> <b>ASS'T PERS OFF/BY DIR</b>				42. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO SIGN <i>G D McBride</i>		

REC'D LEWISTON MAIL JUN 27 1973





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*This is to certify that*

COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN THIRD CLASS DENIS WILFRID MAILHOT, [REDACTED]

*was Honorably Discharged from the*

**United States Navy**

*on the* 17<sup>TH</sup> *day of* APRIL 1975 *. This certificate is awarded*

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