

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

ADPC-3 801 Kay, Lawrence L.
(25 Sep 45) 0650536

5 October 1945

Mrs. Lawrence L. Kay
Apartment 4B, 7 West 62nd Street
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Kay:

I am referring to your recent letter in which you request further information concerning your husband, the late Second Lieutenant Lawrence L. Kay.

The grief you have suffered since having been informed of your husband's death on 27 November 1943 is fully understood and I appreciate your desire for all available details regarding the circumstances attending his death. The following report of the disaster in which your husband lost his life, has been released for publication by the War Department:

"The sinking which involved the largest loss of life was that of the ROENA, a British troopship sunk by enemy air attack on November 26, 1943, off Djidjelli, Algeria. The ship sank within one and one-half hours after being hit. Bomb damage, supplemented by heavy seas and darkness which hampered rescue work, resulted in a loss of 1,045 men, more than half the total 1,981 American military personnel aboard."

A copy of your letter has been forwarded to The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C., for direct reply to your inquiry concerning your husband's burial, as that official has jurisdiction over such matters.

I am furnishing you the names and home addresses of three officers who survived the sinking. They are as follows:

AMPC-G 201 Reg, Lawrence L.
(26 Sep 45) 0050536

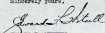
Major Edward A. Holly, 0346246
514 Putnam Avenue
Plainfield, New Jersey

Captain Chester A. Jack, 0433336
514 Main Street
Norway, Maine

First Lieutenant Robert D. Krauseier, 01099224
320 Centerville Street
Karbon, Alabama

My sympathy is with you in the loss you have sustained.

Sincerely yours,



EDWARD F. MITCHELL
Major General
Acting The Adjutant General of the Army

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