

INFORMATION CIRCULAR CONCERNING  
THE RECOVERY OF PERSONAL EFFECTS (cont'd)

e. Articles which are issued by our Government and not purchasable by the individual or retained on his person, are Government property and not classified as personal effects.

5. In many cases, all of the property belonging to an individual does not reach the Army Effects Bureau at the same time. Personal belongings in the immediate possession of a decedent frequently arrive in advance of those collected at his base or quarters.

6. We realize and appreciate the keen desire of the family to receive all the personal property. At the same time, we feel it necessary and desirable that the family be made aware of the handicaps attending the recovery of personal property.

7. By conveying an explanation in this manner, it is our desire to spare our forces in combat areas the added burden of replying to inquiries of this nature, although it most certainly is not intended that any family member feel hesitant about requesting information through this office, when unusual circumstances warrant further investigation overseas. We sincerely hope that this circular may be effective to that end.

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