

Mrs. Eula A. Schwieterman  
c/o J. S. Hawkins  
Route No. 2, Iberia, Mo.

Dear Mrs. Schwieterman:

It is with profound regret that I confirm the recent telegram informing you of the death of your husband, Private First Class Edwin M. Schwieterman, 37,221,606, Infantry, who was previously reported missing in action on 20 March 1945 in Germany.

Data has now been assembled by the military authorities which reveals information concerning the circumstances surrounding the death of your husband. It is disclosed that on 20 March 1945, Company "G", of the 142nd Infantry Regiment, of which your husband was a member, was on a mission to penetrate the Siegfried Line. While advancing through the line the enemy launched a strong counter-attack with small arms fire. Private First Class Schwieterman and two of the comrades held off the enemy for more than an hour. However, two of the enemy managed to get behind the foxhole that Private First Class Schwieterman was occupying and he was hit by enemy sniper fire. A search was not made at that time as the area was retaken by the enemy. Your husband was reported missing in action on 20 March 1945 and remained in that status until a report was received from the Commanding General, European Theater, that he was killed in action on 20 March 1945.

I realize the anxiety you have suffered since he was first reported missing in action and deeply regret the sorrow this later report brings you. May the knowledge that he made the supreme sacrifice for his home and country be a source of sustaining comfort to you.

My sympathy is with you in this time of great sorrow.

Sincerely yours,  
EDWARD F. WITSELL  
Major General  
The Adjutant General of the  
Army.

## US Army letter confirming the death of Ed Schwieterman in Europe during WWII.



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