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Mrs. Jennie Von Behren
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Dear Mrs. Von Behren:

I have the honor to inform you that, by direction of the President, the Distinguished Service Cross and the Bronze Star Medal have been posthumously awarded to your son, First Lieutenant Charley H. Von Behren, Field Artillery. The citations are as follows:

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

"For extraordinary heroism in action on 11 September 1944 in ***. While on a reconnaissance mission, Lieutenant Von Behren and an enlisted man of his company were held up by machine gun fire from an enemy-held roadblock guarding the southwestern approach to ***. Realizing that the success of the regimental attack might depend upon the elimination of the strongpoint, Lieutenant Von Behren worked his way across almost fifty yards of open terrain swept by withering machine gun and small arms fire to a point overlooking the enemy position. Armed only with a carbine he rushed forward to the entrance of the emplacement, killed the hostile machine gun crew and captured twelve supporting riflemen. As a result of his outstanding heroism, Lieutenant Von Behren's company was able to advance and the reconnaissance for tank destroyer positions was successfully completed."

BRONZE STAR MEDAL

"For heroic and meritorious achievement in action against the enemy during the period 18-22 August 1944 in the vicinity of *****. While his platoon was in support of the Second