When a family member died in World War II, it often took weeks for their loved ones at home to receive the news. For those who were missing in action, the wait could have been even longer. You have in front of you the actual series of letters that were sent between the Hewes and Vratko families and the U.S. federal government. While you read these letters, consider the following questions:

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