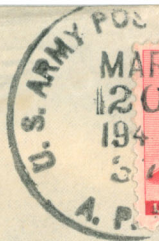


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S. W. P.
MAR. 19, 1944

Dear Mr. Peake:—

Several days ago I received a letter from your daughter, Sister Thomas Jones, requesting information as to whether your son had the assistance of a priest in his last hours.

I contacted our division chaplain, Brother Trachle, and, after inquiry, he was able to determine that the resident Chaplain at the Guadalcanal Hospital at that time was a priest who worked tirelessly among the wounded. Therefore it is only reasonable to believe that your son did have the Last Rites of the Church before his death.

Some time ago I mailed to you a photograph which I took on a recent trip to Guadalcanal Cemetery. I trust it will prove satisfactory.

The above information, though meager, is all that is possible to obtain at the present time. I am sorry that I cannot supply more.

Sincerely,
Sam D. Baldrick.