Requests for Specific Aid: FLEISH, THEODORE F. (CPL)
Dear Corporal Flesch:

I have your letter of November 27, 1944, with further reference to your desire to bring your mother and brother to the United States from Hungary.

The only suggestion I can make with regard to your brother is that you refer your problem to any one of the private organizations named in the list I enclosed with my letter of November 18, 1944, to you, or you may wish to present your problem directly to the Visa Division of the Department of State.

In regard to your mother, we will be glad to take all the necessary steps in her behalf as soon as we are notified by the Department of Justice that your petition has been approved.

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

J. W. Pohle
Executive Director

Corporal Theodore Flesch,
5th QM Co., 11th Bn.,
Camp Lee, Virginia.
November 27, 1944

Mr. J. W. Pehle,
Executive Director,
War Refugee Board,
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Pehle:

In reply to your letter of November 18th, this is to advise that as far as my mother is concerned, I filed the Petition for Issuance of Immigration Visa in Philadelphia.

Concerning my brother, I believe that he applied for a visa in 1937, but due to the fact that he was of military age, he could not leave the country, so that is possibly the reason he was not able to come to the United States.

Please advise me where to make application for my brother.

Thanking you for past favors, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Theodore Fleish

CPL Theodore Fleish,
18th M Co., 11th Bn.,
Camp Lee, Virginia.
In reply please refer to 3776

Dear Corporal Flesch:

I have your letter of November 3, 1944, concerning your desire to have your mother and brother come to the United States from Hungary.

Assuming that your relatives are among the victims of enemy persecution, I suggest that as an American citizen you promptly file with the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, a petition to establish your mother's status as a person entitled to a first-preference quota immigration visa to the United States as the mother of a citizen of the United States who is 21 years of age or over. It is suggested that when you file the petition you advise the Immigration and Naturalization Service that you are doing so at the suggestion of the War Refugee Board. I am enclosing the proper form for such a petition.

With respect to your brother, the Board, in collaboration with the Department of State, has developed a program calculated to assist persons in enemy controlled areas for whom American immigration visas were authorized on or after July 1, 1941.

If such a visa was authorized for your brother on or after July 1, 1941, or if a visa was authorized prior to that time and was renewed after that date, I suggest that you advise us as to the date of the original authorization and/or renewal of such visa and the file number assigned by the Department of State to any correspondence concerning it. If no such visa was authorized, I regret that there is no specific action that the Board can take in behalf of your brother beyond its general programs in the interest of the victims of enemy persecution, for whom we are doing everything in our power.
If your mother and brother are not persons in imminent danger of death whom it is the Board's task to rescue, and your primary interest is in obtaining their entry into this country as permanent immigrants, I suggest you refer your problem to any one of the private agencies named in the enclosed list for such assistance as they may be able to give you at such time as facilities for immigration to the United States from Hungary are again available.

Very truly yours,

[Signature] J. W. Fehle

J. W. Fehle
Executive Director

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To: War Refugee Board, Washington, D.C.

Gentlemen:

I was advised to turn to you with my request.

My mother and brother are living in Hungary; the last time I received a note from them last month, through the Red Cross. The note was dated Feb this year and I do hope that both of them are still alive, and comparatively well.

Now that our Allies, the Russians, are liberating that country, I hope there will be a chance to bring them to this country.

I believe that my mother could come on a preferred quota due to the fact that I am a citizen, and also a soldier presently on active duty. As far as my brother is concerned, he did apply for a United States visa as early as 1939 and may be he is also eligible for it now. If not, it would be gratifying, if there would be some chance for him to come even for temporary stay.

I hope you'll be able to advise favorably on my request, and thanking you in advance for your kindness, remain,

with great respect

Theodore T. Flesch
Cpl Theodore T. Flesch,

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Army United States.
Here are the data of my mother and brother:

Mrs Serena Flesch, born 6 Aug 1886 in Nemesbikk, Hungary,  
married 3 September 1908  
last known address, Aszalo, Abauj m. Hungary.  
my father Bertalan Flesch died 31 May 1934

Miklos Flesch, born 22 April 1920, in Miskolc, Hungary,  
single,  
last known address, Aszalo, Abauj m. Hungary.