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AFTER ACTION REPORT WASHINGTON STATE MIAP PFC JAMES STERLING NELSON

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While researching a large collection of unclaimed cremains in a Seattle funeral home the Washington State MIAP Team discovered the cremains of James S. Nelson. After extensive research it was found that James Sterling Nelson was born in Seward, Alaska, August 30, 1918. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in Seattle on October 10, 1941. He died in a military training flight crash on April 13, 1943, in Georgia. His body was returned to Seattle where a family member placed his cremated remains in storage at the funeral home.

No next of kin were located in the Seattle area. His mother's grave was found in Alaska so the decision was made to return him to Alaska for burial. After coordination with the Fort Richardson National Cemetery his cremains were mailed on August 2, 2021. On August 25 PFC Nelson was interred with full military honors. He was the last member of the crew of seven to be placed in a cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,

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