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**AUSTIN, TEXAS**

ATTORNEY GENERAL

**Mr. Shelby E. Long  
County Attorney  
Beaumont, Texas**

Dear Mr. Long:

Opinion No. C-6266

Re: Children of a service man killed in action are heirs of an ex-service man, and are entitled to the benefits of Article 1939a, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes.

Your letter of February 3, 1945, in which you request us to define what we think the phrase "heirs at law" means in Article 1939a, Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes, has been received. Your specific inquiry is "whether or not the heirs at law of men killed in action are entitled to the same services as those of ex-service men or men who have been in the service and been released therefrom and dying subsequent thereto."

It is our opinion that heirs at law of the man who give their lives in defense of their country are heirs at law of ex-service men.

Very truly yours

ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

By /s/ Geo. W. Sarcus  
Geo. W. Sarcus  
Assistant

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Enclosure

APPROVED FEB. 16, 1945  
/s/ Carlos G. Ashley  
FIRST ASSISTANT  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

APPROVED OPINION COMMITTEE  
BY GWB, Chairman