

INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE

INQUIRY CLERK

Berryville, Va.
July 20, 1945

Army Effects Bureau
Kansas City Quartermaster Depot
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

Re: SHENK, CHARLES W, S/SGT
33 154 539

259,258
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Gentlemen:

The above named serviceman, my son, was reported "missing in action" as of September 20, 1944. Since then I have had no direct word from him. However, his Captain and another S/Sgt have recently had communications with me. They were both in a German prison camp and from what they saw just before they were taken prisoners and after in the prison camp with the other S/Sgt., they are sure my son is dead. According to S/Sgt. Clarkson, he was taken to a prison camp hospital and in just a few hours a German returned and told him he had died.

I am giving the above information, because I am now wondering if by any chance at all there would be any personal effects left. Will you please investigate this and advise me at your very earliest convenience?

I shall await your reply and thank you for your kindness in attending to this.

Very truly yours,

Mrs Charles E. Shenk

Mrs. Charles E. Shenk

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259,258
no

SEE BELOW \$ 30.00

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY

SHENK, CHARLES W.

MIA

S/SGT SHENK, CHARLES W. 33154539 \$30.00

ABOVE LISTED FUNDS TRANSMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SOP #26
(PART II, PAR 15 G (4) (D).

REQUEST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT BY INDORSEMENT HEREON.

THREE (3) U.S. DOLLAR TRAVELERS CHEQUE NO'S X6,332,007 TO
X6,332,009 INCLUSIVE, EACH \$10.00 VALUABLES SHIPPED

*L.S.
1/12/45
my*

Army Effects Bureau, Kansas City
Quartermaster Depot, 601 Hardesty
Avenue, Kansas City 1, Missouri

Receipt acknowledged.

JUL 12 1945
For The Effects Quartermaster:

DATE 7/26/45
BY EJ
7-19
cc 7-24

INVENTORY Q-290

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Mrs. Catherine C. Shenk

Effects of:
Name S/Sgt Charles W. Shenk

ASN 33154539

Case No. 259258 M.

at.

RTB:FR:cc

DATE 24 July 1945

CB
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

Inclose Bureau Check

Acct. No. _____

Amount _____

Inclose "Valuables" item

Ship "Valuables" item(s)

Remove G.I.

Note discrepancy in _____

Films removed _____

Diary removed _____

Laundry removed _____

ROUTING:

1 Accounting Branch
Warehouse Division

2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

VALUABLES SHIPPED

DATE 7/26/45

BY [Signature]

REMARKS

Franked _____

Est. Exp. Chgs. _____

Est. Frt. Chgs. _____

No. of package _____



ARMY SERVICE FORCES,
 KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
 ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
 601 HARDESTY AVENUE
 KANSAS CITY 1, MISSOURI

(S-9-24-45)
 RTB:FR:cc
 July 24, 1945

IN REPLY REFER TO 259258

REGISTERED MAIL

Mrs. Catherine C. Shenk
 Box 303
 Berryville, Virginia

file up

Dear Mrs. Shenk:

The Army Effects Bureau has received some personal effects of your son, Staff Sergeant Charles W. Shenk.

I am inclosing three Travelers Cheques totaling \$30.00, belonging to Sergeant Shenk. No other property belonging to him has been received here to date.

My action in forwarding these Cheques does not, of itself, vest title in you. The money is transmitted in order that you may safely keep it on behalf of the owner, pending his return. In the event he later is reported as a casualty, the funds should be distributed according to the laws of the state of his legal residence. I sincerely hope that such distribution will not be necessary.

Please acknowledge receipt of the Cheques by signing one copy of this letter in the space provided below and returning that copy to this Bureau. For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

All War Department agencies have instructions to forward the personal effects of military personnel to this Bureau for disposition. Any of his property received here will be forwarded promptly. Therefore, I ask that you please notify this Bureau in the event of a change in your address.

Yours very truly,

4 Incls--Travelers Cheques (3)
 Envelope

A. G. Schumacher
 A. G. SCHUMACHER
 1st Lt., QMC
 Chief, Accounting Branch

Receipt acknowledged:

Mrs. Catherine C. Shenk
 (Signature)

JUL 30 1945
 (Date)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INBOUND INVENTORY
<input type="checkbox"/> G. R. OR SUB GR LABEL
<input type="checkbox"/> WILL OR POWER OF ATTY.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TALLY IN FORM 43

EFFECTS INVENTORY ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

MISSING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
P. O. W.	<input type="checkbox"/>
ABANDONED	<input type="checkbox"/>
UNKNOWN	<input type="checkbox"/>

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<input type="checkbox"/> RIBBONS, DECORATION	<input type="checkbox"/> GLASSES	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCKS, PR.
<input type="checkbox"/> SHORT SNORTER	<input type="checkbox"/> GLOVES, PR.	<input type="checkbox"/> STATIONERY
<input type="checkbox"/> SOUVENIR MONEY	<input type="checkbox"/> HANDKERCHIEFS	<input type="checkbox"/> TIES
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<input type="checkbox"/> TESTAMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/> JACKETS	<input type="checkbox"/> TOILET ARTICLES
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<input type="checkbox"/> U. S. MONEY (AMOUNT)	<input type="checkbox"/> KNIVES	<input type="checkbox"/> TROUSERS, PR.
<input type="checkbox"/> WATCH	<input type="checkbox"/> LETTERS	<input type="checkbox"/> TRUNKS, PR.
<input type="checkbox"/> WINGS	<input type="checkbox"/> LIGHTERS	<input type="checkbox"/> UNDERWEAR

CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO <i>None</i>	INFORMATION <i>Rechecked None</i>
NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS	CROSS REFERENCE

CHECK	REC'D BY	NUMBER	BUREAU CHECK
MONEY ORDER		SYMBOL	TRANSMIT ORIGINAL
BOND		AMOUNT	ORIG. REG. MAIL
TRAV. CHECK		DATE	TO G. A. O.
FOREIGN CURRENCY		BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE	MUTILATED
U. S. CURRENCY		PAYEE	TO ISSUING AGENCY
		REMITTER OR DRAWER	

TALLY NO. <i>9750</i>	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS. <i>1</i>	EXAMINING DATE <i>24 Aug 45</i>	BOX NO. <i>-</i>	SHEET <i>1</i> OF <i>2</i> SHEETS
NAME <i>Charles W. Shienke</i>		A. S. N. <i>3215 4539</i>		
ORGANIZATION <i>38 amld 9th Bn.</i>		RANK <i>S/SGT</i>		CASE NO.
WAREHOUSE SPACE <i>2692</i>	EXAMINED BY <i>Danish</i>	DIARY REMOVED		
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION <i>1 carton</i>	PACKED BY <i>Rayley</i>	PHOTO FILM REMOVED		
WEIGHT	INSPECTED BY <i>Rayley</i>	MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED		
	STORED BY <i>730</i>	SHIPPED		
		DATE <i>SEP 5 1945</i>	BY WHOM <i>[Signature]</i>	

NAME SHENK, CHARLES W. 3.SGT ~~4539~~
4539

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
45	27		9700
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
CTN Form 43			

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:

Effects of:
Name **S/Sgt. Charles W. Shenk**
ASN **33154539**
Case No. **259258 H**

Mrs. Catherine C. Shenk
Box 303
Berryville, Virginia

Wt.

DATE September 1, 1945
RTB:FR:mg

Barber
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

 Inclose Bureau Check
 Acct. No.
 Amount
 Inclose "Valuables" item
 Ship "Valuables" item(s)

 Remove G. I.
 Note discrepancy in
 Films removed
 Diary removed
 Laundry removed

ROUTING:

 Accounting Branch
 1 Warehouse Division
 2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

REMARKS

Franked SEP 5 1945
Est. Exp. Chgs.
Est. Frt. Chgs.
No. of package

Shipping Clerk

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

In Reply Refer To: # 259258

RTB:FR:mg
September 1, 1945

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Dear Mrs. Shenk:

The Army Effects Bureau has received and is forwarding to you the following additional property of your son, Staff Sergeant Charles W. Shenk.

1 carton and contents

As previously indicated, my action in forwarding such effects does not, of itself, vest title in you. The property is transmitted in order that you may safely keep it on behalf of the owner, pending change in his status.

When delivery has been made, I shall appreciate your acknowledging receipt by signing one copy of this letter in the space provided below, and returning it to this Bureau.

For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Yours very truly,

Harry Niemiec

HARRY NIEMIEC
2nd Lt., QMC
Chief, Correspondence Branch

Incl--
Envelope

Receipt acknowledged:

Mrs Catherine C. Shenk
(Signature of Bailor)

Sept 17, 1945 -
(Date)

27 Sept. 1944

Subject: Inventory of Effects of Charles W. Shank
A.S.N. 33154539

To: Quartermaster, Communication Zone, A.P.O.

The above named individual of Headquarters Co.
38th Army Inf. Battalion, was Reported
Captured on or about the 21 Sept. 1944.

Inventory of Effects

1 Shaving kit ✓	1 Bill folder ✓
1 Kuduuck ✓	1 Note Book ✓
2 rolls film ✓	1 map ✓
1 Pr. Glasses ✓	1 address book ✓
1 Hair Brush ✓	2 Bibles ①
54 Pictures ✓	

I certify that the above items constitutes all
the effects secured by me, of the above
named individual and that they were
forwarded to the Effects Dept. by truck
on the 27 Sept. 1944

Wm L. Casland, Jr.
Capt. Inf.

**EFFECTS INVENTORY
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU**

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ABANDONED
UNKNOWN

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<input type="checkbox"/> WINGS	<input type="checkbox"/> LIGHTERS	<input type="checkbox"/> UNDERWEAR

CONTAINERS ADDRESSED TO <i>none</i>	INFORMATION <i>Mr Robert Shenk Berryville, Va.</i>
NAME AND STATUS VARIATIONS <i>43 has name Shenk but inv. + effects give name Shenk.</i>	CROSS REFERENCE

CHECK	REC'D BY	NUMBER	BUREAU CHECK
MONEY ORDER		SYMBOL	TRANSMIT ORIGINAL
BOND		AMOUNT	ORIG. REG. MAIL
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FOREIGN CURRENCY		BANK OR PLACE OF ISSUE	MUTILATED
U. S. CURRENCY		PAYEE	TO ISSUING AGENCY
		REMITTER OR DRAWER	

TALLY NO. <i>9700</i>	ORIG. NO. OF PKGS. <i>1</i>	EXAMINING DATE <i>24-Aug-45</i>	BOX NO.	SHEET <i>1</i> OF <i>1</i> SHEETS
NAME <i>Charles W. Shenk</i>		A. S. N. <i>3315-4539</i>		
ORGANIZATION <i>38 Inf Bn</i>		RAW <i>3/80t</i> CASE NO. <i>259,258</i>		
WAREHOUSE SPACE <i>261</i>	EXAMINED BY <i>Brinkson</i>	DIARY REMOVED		
PACKED BY	INSPECTED BY <i>C</i>	PHOTO FILM REMOVED		
PACKAGE DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT	MOTION PICTURE FILM REMOVED		
	STORED BY <i>RC</i>	SHIPPED		
		DATE <i>SEP 13 1945</i>	BY WHOM	

NAME SHINK, CHARLES W. -- 4539
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BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
45	27		9700
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
pkg			

Eff. QM Form 43

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO: Mrs. Catherine C. Shenk
Box 303
Berryville, Virginia

Effects of:
Name
ASN S/Sgt. Charles W. Shenk
Case No. 33154539
Wt. 259258-M

DATE 8 September 1945
RTB:VM:fp

Voncile Marshall
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

<input type="checkbox"/> Inclose Bureau Check Acct. No. _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Remove G. I.
<input type="checkbox"/> Amount _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Note discrepancy in _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Inclose "Valuables" item	<input type="checkbox"/> Films removed
<input type="checkbox"/> Ship "Valuables" item(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Diary removed
	<input type="checkbox"/> Laundry removed

ROUTING:

Accounting Branch
 Warehouse Division
 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

REMARKS:

Franked _____
Est. Exp. Chgs. _____
Est. Frt. Chgs. _____
No. of packages _____

SEP 13 1945

[Signature]
Shipping Clerk

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU
601 Hardesty Avenue
Kansas City 1, Missouri

(S-11-8-45)

JRM:VM:fp

September 8, 1945

In Reply Refer To: 259258

File

Mrs. Catherine C. Shenk
Box 303
Berryville, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Shenk:

The Army Effects Bureau has received and is forwarding to you, for safekeeping, the following additional property of your son, Staff Sergeant Charles W. Shenk:

One carton and contents.

When you have received the property, please acknowledge receipt by signing one copy of this letter in the space provided below, and returning that copy to this Bureau.

For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

Very truly yours,

John R. Murphy
JOHN R. MURPHY
Colonel, QMC
Effects Quartermaster

1 Incl--
Envelope

Receipt acknowledged:

(Mrs) Catherine C. Shenk Sept. 14, 1945 -
(Signature of Bailee) (Date)

250250

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME SHENK CHARLES W	SERIAL NUMBER 33154539	GRADE S SC	ARM OR SERVICE INF	REPORTING THEATRE ETO
PLACE OF CASUALTY FRANCE 9	DATE OF CASUALTY DAY MONTH YEAR 30 SEP 44	FLYING OR JUMPING STAT U	TYPE OF CASUALTY MIA	SHIPMENT NUMBER 211

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED ABOVE DESIGNATED THE FOLLOWING PERSON AS THE ONE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND THE OFFICIAL TELEGRAPHIC AND LETTER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON. THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY THE NEXT-OF-KIN OR RELATIVE DESIGNATED TO BE PAID SIX MONTHS' PAY GRATUITY IN CASE OF DEATH

MR., MRS., MISS—FIRST NAME—MIDDLE INITIAL—LAST NAME MRS GABRIELE G SHENK	RELATIONSHIP WIFE	DATE NOTIFIED 11 OCT 1944 LW
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE BOX 578 BIRTVILLE VIRGINIA		

REMARKS:

CORRECTED COPY



ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED ___ FORM 43 ___ AG 201 REQ ___
CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED ___ OR CHARGED TO ___ DATE ___
PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO ___ YES ___ (AS INDICATED BELOW):

FILE NO.	MESSAGE NO.	TYPE	DATE AND AREA	E. A. NOTIFIED
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FORWARDED TO: SPEC. IDEN. TELEGRAM WOUNDED LETTER CORRUS. S. R. & D. CERTIF. M. & M. NON-DEL.

REPORT NOT VERIFIED ___ NO FORM 43 ___ NO CAS. BR. FILE ___ CHECKED BY ___ REVIEWED BY ___

THIS SPACE FOR USE OF MACHINE RECORDS BRANCH, A.G.O.

ACCT. AREA	CASUALTY STATUS	ORIGINAL CAS. DATE			MESSAGE NO.	LATEST CAS. DATE			REFERENCE AREA	CREW POS.	RESIDENCE		COMP	RACC											
		DAY	MO.	YR.		DAY	MO.	YR.			STATE	COUNTY													
34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by The Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds Staff Sergeant Charles W. Shenk, Army Serial Number 33,154,539, Infantry, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 20th day of September 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 21st day of September, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George F. Heahent
ADJUTANT GENERAL
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA European	FLYING STATUS No	JUMP STATUS No	LINE OF DUTY Yes	OWN MIS-CONDUCT No	ON DUTY STATUS Yes	ABSENCE AUTHORIZED Yes
PREVIOUS REVIEWS None						
DATE OF BIRTH 4 Nov 1913	HOME ADDRESS Berryville, Virginia	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 6 Mar 1942	LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
			YEARS Over	MONTHS three	DAYS years	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME Mrs. Catherine C. Shenk	RELATIONSHIP Mother	ADDRESS Box 303 Berryville, Virginia
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BENEFICIARIES

NAME Catherine Shenk	RELATIONSHIP Mother	ADDRESS Box 303 Berryville, Virginia
NAME Charles E. Shenk	RELATIONSHIP Father	ADDRESS Box 303 Berryville, Virginia

REMARKS

Distribution 56

Awarded Expert Infantryman Badge per GO #33, Hq. 7th Armd. Division, 6 August 1944

Circumstances of disappearance: Soldier became missing in action during combat with the enemy near Sillegny, France.

SENSITIVE SURFACE - HANDLE EDGES ONLY

WAR DEPARTMENT
 THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
 WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

FINAL REPORT No. 819
 REPORT OF DEATH abk

DATE 9 June 1950

FULL NAME SHENK, CHARLES W.		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER 33 154 539	GRADE S/Sgt
HOME ADDRESS Berryville, Virginia		ARM OR SERVICE Inf	DATE OF BIRTH 4 Nov 1913
PLACE OF DEATH France	CAUSE OF DEATH Wounds rec'd in action		DATE OF DEATH 21 Sept. 1944
STATION OF DECEASED European Command	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 6 March 1942		LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (Name, relationship, and address)

Mrs. Catherine C. Shenk, mother, Box 303, Berryville, Virginia

BENEFICIARY (Name, relationship, and address)

Mrs. Catherine C. Shenk, mother, address same as above
Mr. Charles E. Shenk, father, address same as above

INVESTIGATION MADE		IN LINE OF DUTY		OWN MISCONDUCT		WAS DECEASED ON DUTY STATUS		AUTHORIZED ABSENCE		IN FLYING PAY STATUS		OTHER PAY STATUS (Specify below)	
YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO	YES	NO
											<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

BATTLE NON-BATTLE

*Awarded Expert Infantryman's Badge per G.O. #33, Hq. 7th Armd. Division, 6 Aug. 1946

Finding of Death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 21 September 1945. This "Report of Death" is issued in accordance with Section 9 of said Act and its effect on prior payments and settlements is as provided in Section 9.

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 FILE
 RECORDS ANNOTATED
 DATE 6-15-50
 NAME [Signature]
 R & R BR.

DISTRIBUTION:

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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[Signature]
 ADJUTANT GENERAL

WAR DEPARTMENT
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE
WASHINGTON 25. D. C.

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FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Act of 7 March 1942 (Public Law 490 77th Cong.) as amended, upon direction and delegation by The Secretary of War, The Chief, Casualty Branch, The Adjutant General's Office, finds Staff Sergeant Charles W. Shenk, Army Serial Number 33,154,539, Infantry, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 20th day of September 1944. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 21st day of September, 1945.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George F. Hebert
ADJUTANT GENERAL
CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

AREA European		FLYING STATUS No	JUMP STATUS No	LINE OF DUTY Yes	OWN MIS-CONDUCT No	ON DUTY STATUS Yes	ABSENCE AUTHORITY
PREVIOUS REVIEWS None							
DATE OF BIRTH 4 Nov 1913	HOME ADDRESS Berryville, Virginia	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE 6 Mar 1942		LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
				YEARS Over	MONTHS three	DAYS years	

EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

NAME Mrs. Catherine C. Shenk	RELATIONSHIP Mother	ADDRESS Box 303 Berryville, Virginia
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BENEFICIARIES

NAME Catherine Shenk	RELATIONSHIP Mother	ADDRESS Box 303 Berryville, Virginia
NAME Charles E. Shenk	RELATIONSHIP Father	ADDRESS Box 303 Berryville, Virginia

REMARKS

Distribution 56

Awarded Expert Infantryman Badge per GO #33, Hq. 7th Arm. Division, 6 August 1944

Circumstances of disappearance: Soldier became missing in action during combat with the enemy near Sillegny, France.

FILE
SEP 26 1945

293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

243
SHANK, CHARLES W.

GRADE

S/SGT.

PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER

33 154 539

ORGANIZATION

H&C Co.

RACE

WAS

CREED

WHITE PROTESTANT

FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)

DATE OF DEATH/MIA

21 SEPT 44

CAUSE OF DEATH

DATE OF FOD

21 SEPT 45 F.I.D.

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

NEAR
SILLEMNY, FRANCE

HEIGHT

5'10"

WEIGHT

130

COLOR EYES

BROWN

COLOR HAIR

BROWN

SHOE SIZE

8 1/2 C

DENTAL CHART

6 MAR 42

UPPER RIGHT

8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1

UPPER LEFT

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

OK

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TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTHMARK

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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MAY 27 1948

E. J. Sullivan, 1st Lt., QMG
IDENTIFICATION BRANCH

SHENK, Charles W.

To Clinical Records Branch

For Disposition

The records show medical treatment as follows

Hospital	From	To	Register Number
Sta. Hosp, Gr Young, Calif	25-Mar-43	6-Apr-43	9137

Thieme 16-Sep-46 DPRB

Clerk

Date

Branch

IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

B/O

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>SHENK, Charles W.</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>33 154 539</i>		GRADE <i>S/Sgt</i>
HEIGHT <i>5 ft 10 in</i>	WEIGHT <i>130</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Brown</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Brown</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>8 1/2 C</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>Presumed dead 21-Sep-45</i>

LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)

Hq Co, 38th Armd Inf Bn

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

near Sillegny, France

LIST ALL CAMPS IN WHICH STATIONED IN U.S. PRIOR TO SERVICE OVERSEAS, WITH INCLUSIVE DATES AT EACH.

STATION	FROM	DATES	TO
<i>Camp Lee, Virginia</i>	<i>6-Mar-42</i>		<i>10-Mar-42</i>
<i>Camp Polk, La.</i>	<i>13-Mar-42</i>		<i>30 May-42</i>
<i>Fort Knox, Ky</i>	<i>1-Jun-42</i>		<i>3-Aug-42</i>
<i>Camp Polk, La.</i>	<i>4-Aug-42</i>		<i>Not of Record</i>
<i>FT. Benning, Ga.</i>	<i>20-Sep-43</i>		<i>Not of Record</i>

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS

Not of Record

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS

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DENTAL CHART

6-Mar-42

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AIRMAIL

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QMMS 293
GRS European

22 September 1949

SUBJECT: Additional Information

TO: Commanding General
American Graves Registration Command
European Area
APO 58, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to your radio AGRC 4747 dated 13 July 1949.
2. Dental chart dated 11 February 1943 for Pvt Harold G. Goodman, 32801801 shows teeth missing R-14, L-15, carious teeth R-16, 15, L-5, 4. No Forms 79 available.
3. Dental chart dated 2 November 1942 for Pvt Joseph Tibensky, 36706565 shows teeth missing R-16, 8, L-16, 14, 8. No Forms 79 available.
4. Dental chart dated 6 March 1942 for ^{X-293} S/Sgt Charles W. Shenk, 33154539 shows teeth O.K. No Forms 79 available.
5. Dental chart dated 18 January 1943 for Cpl Theodore L. Proctor, 35582082 shows teeth missing R-16, 8, L-14, 5. No Forms 79 available.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

T. H. METZ
Lt Colonel, QMC
Memorial Division

AIRMAIL

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FROM HQ AGRC PARIS

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AG-201 Shenk, Charles W.
33154539 (18 Apr 50)

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18 April 1950

MEMORANDUM TO: Officer in Charge, Casualty Section,
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

SUBJECT: Report of Death

1. Staff Sergeant Charles W. Shenk, 33154539, Infantry, member of Headquarters Company, 38th Armored Infantry Battalion, was reported missing in action, not in flying or jump pay status, in France on 20 September 1944 by ETO Shipment Number 211 and presumed dead as of 21 September 1945 under the provisions of Section 5, Missing Persons Act (SR&D Case No. 4105).

2. Staff Sergeant Shenk's Service Record shows that he became missing in action on 20 September 1944 at Sillegny, France. No other particulars concerning his status was found in his Casualty Section or AG 201 files.

a. On 2 July 1945 this office sent a request to the Commanding General, European Theater of Operations requesting all available information pertaining to Sergeant Shenk. The fifteenth indorsement to the above from Headquarters 38th Armored Infantry Battalion contains the following information:

"1. Staff Sergeant Charles W. Shenk accompanied Captain Samuel C. McAdams and Private Mack C. Harris into the town of Sillegny, France to direct artillery and mortar fire against the enemy. Upon entering a small house, Captain McAdams radioed back to this Battalion that enemy tanks (number unknown) were advancing towards the house where these men were sheltered. At that time the radio which Captain McAdams, Private Harris, and Staff Sergeant Shenk were using for communication ceased to function.

"2. Due to fact that territory was in enemy hands, a thorough search could not be made. ***"

b. On 17 March 1950 inquiries were sent to Captain Samuel C. McAdams, 039177 and Mr. Mack C. Harris, the persons referred to in paragraph 2a, above, file reference AG 201 Shenk, Charles W., requesting all information relative to Sergeant Shenk. Their statements, dated 29 March 1950, follow:

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Identification Branch

AG 201 Shenk, Charles W.
33154539 (18 Apr 50)

Statement of Captain Samuel C. McAdams, 039177:

"1. Staff Sergeant Shenk accompanied me into Sillegny, France on the afternoon of 20 September 1944 and was wounded in the legs and back by mortar fire immediately after arrival. He was lying about two (2) feet away from me when wounded. I moved him into a house and he was given first aid by a Medical Enlisted man. Several other men who had been wounded were also kept in the house as only one first aid man was with this group. It was impossible to evacuate these wounded to the rear as we were cut-off by enemy tanks and ground troops.

"2. When I surrendered about 0100 hours on the morning of the 21st of September I told the Germans about the wounded and asked them to let me go into the house to help them get the wounded out. Sergeant Shenk was still alive at the time because I had talked to him a few minutes before we were captured, he had been given morphine for his pain and was placed on a door so that he could be moved easily. The Germans would not let me go with them to help with the wounded, but told me they would be taken care of. I never saw Sergeant Shenk again.

"3. We were moved to a small village about three (3) miles away and kept in a cellar for the remaining part of the night, early the next morning we started our march to the rear and I again asked a German non-commissioned officer if they evacuated the wounded and he told me they had.

"4. Sometime during the month of April 1945 while in a prison camp in Luckenwalde, Germany I met Sergeant Milan Clarkston, whose address is Box 1, Wadley, Georgia or 711 Columbia Street, Elmira, New York. Sergeant Clarkston was a member of my Company and was captured with me on the morning of the 21st of September. He told me that while in a German prison one of the Germans who had captured us recognized him and told him that the man we had on the door died. Sergeant Shenk was the only man, to the best of my knowledge, that had been placed on a door to be moved.

"5. It is my opinion that Sergeant Shenk was evacuated to a German Hospital and later died."

AG 201 Shenk, Charles W.
33154539 (18 Apr 50)

Statement of Private Mack C. Harris, 34254349:

"In regard to your letter concerning S/Sgt Charles W. Shenk.

"On this date Sept. 20 - 1944 Capt. McAdams S/Sgt Shenk and myself were directing artillery & mortar fire on Silleney, France. Capt. McAdams was inside the house, using the radio trying to contact help or aid, (Major Wells of 38 Armd. Inf. Bn.) (S/Sgt Shenk) (1st Lt. White, & a Sgt I never knew out of an Engineer outfit) were at the back of the house, I was at the side of the house, an enemy mortar shell hit the wall just over the heads of these men. Major Wells of 38 Armd. Inf. Bn. Hq was killed out right - 1st Lt. White & the Sgt. out of the Engineer outfit were also killed, S/Sgt Shenk was badly wounded, he was hit in the lower part of the body, the groin & stomach, the wounds were severly. I helped to get him into the house, there was a medical aid man there but he had very limited supplies. He did the best he could for S/Sgt Shenk in the way of aid - this was between 4 & 6 oclock in the evening. S/Sgt. Shenk was delirious. We did every thing possible to make him comfortable. So the Germans marched in on us some time between 11⁰⁰ & 2⁰⁰ oclock. We took down a door for a stretcher & took Sgt Shenk with us.

"The Germans marched the groupe for about 3 hours - about 8 or 9 miles, we finally were herded in to a barn, there was a German Dr. he was asking if any one was wounded. Several of the boys and my self had minor wounds, we took Sgt Shenk in a small room and the Dr. sent the rest of us up stairs, in about an hour they called the groupe together again to continue our treak into Germany. So we called for S/Sgt Shenk. The Dr. said he had passed away. So we had to leave him there - I am sure all of his papers & pay book & dog tags were on him -

"I have never spoke of this before to any one, I had presumed the Germans had notified the U. S. Government. ***"

3. The captured German records contain no information relative to Sergeant Shenk, nor do the files of the Memorial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General contain any burial information, at the present, on Sergeant Shenk.

4. The subject person accompanied Captain Samuel C. McAdams and Private Mack C. Harris, all of Headquarters Company 38th Armored Infantry Battalion,

AG 201 Shenk, Charles W.
33154539 (18 Apr 50)

into Sillegny, France on the afternoon of 20 September 1944. They were to direct artillery and mortar fire against the enemy. Soon after their arrival at Sillegny, sometime between 1600 and 1800 hours, Sergeant Shenk was seriously wounded in the stomach, groin and legs by enemy mortar fire. He was moved into a house and given first aid by a Medical enlisted man. It was impossible to evacuate Sergeant Shenk as their position was cut off by enemy tanks and ground troops. Sillegny fell into the hands of the enemy. They were captured by the Germans about 0100 hours on the morning of 21 September 1944. The Germans ordered their evacuation to the rear. Sergeant Shenk was placed on a door so that he could be moved more easily and they marched to a small village (name not known) about three miles from Sillegny according to the statement of Captain McAdams, although Private Harris stated that the Germans "marched the groups for about 3 hours - about 8 or 9 miles." According to Private Harris' statement they were at this place for about one hour when they were called again to continue their march. When they inquired about Sergeant Shenk a German doctor told them he died. Captain McAdams stated that while he was a prisoner of war he met Sergeant Milan Clarkston of his Company, who was captured at the same time. Sergeant Clarkston told him that one of his captors told him "that the man on the door died." Nothing has been seen or heard of Sergeant Shenk since. The captured German records reveal no trace of him. Considering the above facts and the lapse of time it is reasonable to believe that Sergeant Shenk died of wounds received in action, sometime between 0400 and 0600 hours on 21 September 1944 near Sillegny, France.

5. It is recommended, therefore, that pursuant to the provisions of Section 9, Missing Persons Act, the foregoing information be accepted as an official report of death stating that the person named in paragraph one, above, Infantry, died of wounds received in action, not in flying or jump status, sometime between 0400 and 0600 hours on 21 September 1944 near Sillegny, France. The official report of death will include the following statement:

"Finding of Death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 21 September 1945. This Report

AG 201 Shenk, Charles W.
33154539 (18 Apr 50)

of Death' is issued in accordance with Section 9 of
said Act and its effect on prior payments and settle-
ments is as provided in Section 9."

This memorandum will be routed to Operating Unit for notification and processing.

Copy of notification letter to Det & Rev Unit (for OQMG)

Station and place of death: ETO

Walter L. Nalls
Investigator

CONCUR:

T. J. COLLUM
Major, AGD
OIC, Det & Rev Unit

APPROVED. Recommended action will be taken.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

COPY FOR:
OQMG, Mem. Div.
AG 201 file

T. J. COLLUM
Major, AGD
Acting OIC, Casualty Section
Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

Moselle
CCP 907

5400

Republic of France
Department Moselle
District Metz-Campagne

Lorry-Mardigny, 7 Oct 1946.

Mayoralty of LORRY-MARDIGNY.

I, the undersigned, MONCELLE Edmond, Mayor of LORRY-MARDIGNY, interviewed by a representative of the American Army, certify that no American soldiers were killed in this commune or its territory during the combat between the Americans and the Germans in September 1944.

There were never found any bodies of American soldiers in the territory of our commune and I have never heard anything about the soldiers called: Charles W. SHENK, S/Sgt., 33154539, Joseph TIBENSKY, Pvt., 36706565 and Thomas O. WELLS, Major, 0-392480.

I certify that these names do not appear in the office of the registrar of our commune and that there are no graves of American soldiers in the commune and in its territory.

Town Stamp

/s/ Ed Moncelle

CERTIFIED A TRUE TRANSLATION:

Gerd C. Pruys
GERDA C. PRUYS
WD Dutch Civ. 10256
Translator

Moselle
CCP 907

5400

Republic of France
Department Moselle
District Metz-Campagne

Lorry-Mardigny, 7 Oct 1940.

Mayorality of LORRY-MARDIGNY

I, the undersigned, KIFFER George, Secretary of LORRY-MARDIGNY (Moselle) certify that during the combat between the Americans and the Germans in September 1944 no American soldiers were killed in this commune or its territory.

There have never been found any bodies of American soldiers in this place.

I have never heard anything about the American soldiers called: Charles W. SHENK, Joseph TIBENSKY and Thomas O. WELLS; these names do not appear in the office of the registrar of this commune.

There are no graves of American soldiers in this commune or in its territory.

/s/ Kiffer

CERTIFIED A TRUE TRANSLATION:

Y. Pruis
GENDA C. PRUIS
WB Dutch Civ. 10250
Translator

MAYORALTY OF SILLEGNY

I, the undersigned, PERRIN, Charles, mayor of Sillegny (Moselle) interrogated by a representative of the American Army, do hereby certify that during the battle between the Americans and the Germans in September 1944 in this community and its territory, 7 (seven) American soldiers have been killed. They were all unknown. The remains have been discovered by the members of the mine-lifting service in April 1946 and disinterred by an American outfit (535 QM 3049 Co 3rd Platoon AGRC) on the 14th of April 1946. I have never heard mentioned American soldiers by the name of:

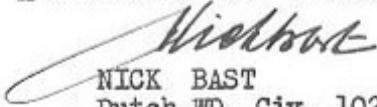
CHARLES W. SHENK, S/Sgt. 33154539
JOSEPH TIBENSKY, Pvt. 36706565
THOMAS O. WELLS, Major 0-392480

and I also certify that those names do not exist in the records of our community.

There are no more American graves in this community our its territory.

(S) PERRIN, Ch.

A certified true translation


NICK BAST
Dutch WD. Civ. 10269

Republic of France
Department of the Moselle
District of Metz-Campagne.

Moselle
CCP 855

5400

Town Hall of SILLEGNY.

Sillegny, 7 Oct. 1946.

I, the undersigned, SCHWING Jean, Secretary of the commune of Sillegny (Moselle) certify that during the combat between the Americans and the Germans in our commune in September 1944, seven American soldiers were killed. Their remains - they were all unknown - were discovered by the deminage service and disinterred by the American Graves Registrati n. The bodies were removed to the American cemetery St. Avold on the 4th of April 1946.

I have never heard anything about the American soldiers called:

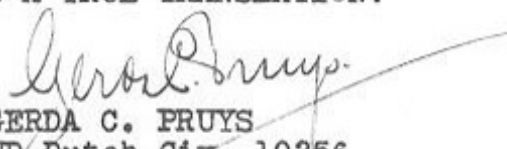
CHARLES W. SHENK,	S/Sgt.	33154539
JOSEPH TIBENSKY,	Pvt.	36706565
THOMAS O. WELLS,	Major	0-392480

I certify that these names do not appear in the office of the Registrar of this Commune.

In this Commune or in its territory there are no more graves of American soldiers.

/s/ Schwing.

CERTIFIED A TRUE TRANSLATION:


GERDA C. PRUYS
WD Dutch Civ. 10256
Translator

Case 734

(Moselle 5400)

539 QM SERVICE COMPANY (AC) THIRD ZONE
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 (Nancy) US ARMY

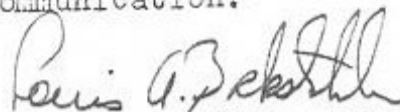
29 Sep 47

SUBJECT: Investigation of Case 5400 (Moselle)

TO : Commanding Officer, Third Zone, AGRC, APO 58, US Army
ATTN: Operations Officer

1. Transmitted herewith are results of the Investigation of Case 5400 in Sillegny. Since last investigation in Sillegny no other remains of American War Dead were located.

2. Your attention is invited to pertinent statements and transcript of the Investigator's Diary in triplicate; which are inclosed with the basic communication.


LOUIS A. BOCKSTÄHLER
1st Lt Inf
Commanding

Incls: a/s

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

4 May 1950

in the wooded area indicated as the position occupied by the decedents' unit at the time they became missing in action. The results of this search were negative.

The entire area in the vicinity of the town of SILLEGNY is under cultivation and much reconstruction work has been done in the town itself including the building of a new road through the center of the town without disclosing the presence of additional remains.

IV. CONCLUSION

The area indicated in this case has been thoroughly investigated. Demining and salvage operations failed to reveal any trace of additional remains. The village of SILLEGNY was almost completely destroyed, and consequently extensive rebuilding and construction work has been done in the area without additional remains being discovered.

V. RECOMMENDATION

That records be checked in an effort to determine the disposition of the remains listed in an unknown status on copy of Area Search Certificate No 1, undated, and Notice of Disinterment, dated 28 May 1946 (No 4) supposedly taken to U. S. Military Cemetery at GEREMSHEIM.

That if the results of this search are negative, this case be considered for Non-Recoverable action.

H. E. WARNER
DA Civ. D-046899
Investigator

HEADQUARTERS
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
REGISTRATION DIVISION
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

4 May 1950

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. AUTHORITY AND MATTERS INVESTIGATED:

In compliance with Investigation Directive # 225, dated 18 April 1950, an investigation was conducted in the vicinity of SILLEGNY (B-9/4-84) France, in an effort to recover the remains of the following listed casualties:

SHENK, Charles W.	S/Sgt.	33 154 539
WELLS, Thomas H.	Maj.	0 392 480

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

The above listed casualties were members of the 38th Armd. Inf. Bn. engaged in action against the enemy in a wooded area west of SILLEGNY, France. Heavy armored resistance caused the Battalion to withdraw and when the withdrawal had been accomplished, it was found that Major Wells had not succeeded in returning with his unit. S/Sgt Shenk was last seen as he left with his company to enter SILLEGNY. Upon entering SILLEGNY, S/Sgt Shenk was among a group of men who were cut off from the unit by enemy tanks. He did not succeed in rejoining his company.

III. FINDINGS:

A visit was first made to the village of SILLEGNY, where contact was made with the Mayor Mr. Mathis. He stated that all remains, both American and German, which had been recovered from the territory of this community, had been evacuated by ACRC units (See Inclosure #1). He further produced Area Search Certificates and Notices of Disinterment, which indicate that eleven (11) American, forty-one (41) German, and five (5) unknown remains were taken from SILLEGNY in April and May 1946. Copies of these records were made and are attached as part of this investigation (See Inclosure # 2). The Mayor also stated that the area has been completely demined, and that all wrecked tanks and vehicles have been removed from the area. He was never informed of the finding of any additional remains during this operation. An extensive search was next made

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SHENK, Charles W. S/Sgt 33 154 539
WELLS, Thomas H. Major 0- 392 480

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HEADQUARTERS
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
APO 757 (LIEGE) US ARMY

15 November 1950

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 139)

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4. PAC, Ltr., WD-AGO-S 293.9, dtd 9 Apr 47, Subject: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", and par 118 b, SR 830-110-5, DA, dtd 2 Mar 49, a Board of O's as follows is hereby apt to meet at the call of the President thereof, for the purpose of reviewing case records pertaining to the Identification of Deceased. Determination of non-recoverability of Remains and for the purpose of reviewing Major Discrepancy cases:

LT COL EDWARD D. MULVANI, O 359 598, QMC., President
MAJOR JAMES C. MacFARLAND, O 1 576 321, QMC.,
MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr., O 1 289 071, INF/QMC.,
CAPT CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, O 1 040 311, QMC.,
CAPT LEWIS A. McAMIS, O 1 543 042, MSC/QMC.,
CAPT JOHN M. NEFF, O 1 055 924, QMC.,
CAPT ALLAN L. LAWSON, O 1 288 075, QMC.,
1ST LT ROBERT W. GANSEL, O 1 599 085, QMC.,
2D LT JOHN A. BOUTIN, O 947 298, QMC.,

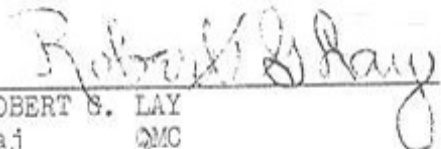
BY ORDER OF COLONEL AMLONG:

EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,
CAPT., QMC,
Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,
CAPT., QMC
Adjutant.

A TRUE COPY:


ROBERT S. LAY
Maj QMC

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GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non Recoverable Remains

evidence and the lack of association with recovered unknowns would tend to substantiate these conclusions. It is recommended that the remains of the individuals listed in these Board Proceedings be considered Non-Recoverable under the provisions of paragraph 3b, Letter, Office of The Quartermaster General, file QMGMP 293, Subject: Processing Board Findings of Non-Recoverability Return of World War II Dead Program, dated 25 March 1949.

Reference is made to: OQMG Forms 371; After Action Reports, and Casualty Clearance Plan; concerning each decedent; Reports of Field Investigations previously forwarded to The Office of The Quartermaster General, pertaining to resolved casualties who were killed in action in the Department of Moselle, France; on file in the Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

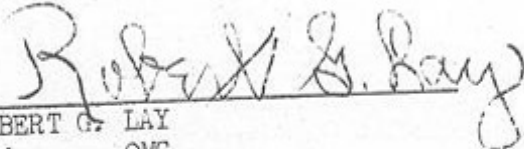
Reference is also made to: Report of Field Investigation, dated 10 July 1950: Attached.

2. All attached supporting documents are copied from records on file this headquarters.

3. It is recommended that the remains, based upon the above information and research, be declared non-recoverable.

s/ C. W. Steinsiek
t/ C. W. STEINSIEK
Captain QMG

A TRUE COPY:


ROBERT G. LAY
Maj QMG

NOTE: The Report of Field Investigation, dated 10 July 50 referred to above, "Narrative of Investigation" is filed with 293 file of Addabbo, Joseph J., Pvt., 32 847 803. It substantiates general area search in the locality where the decedents are believed to have been lost.

HEADQUARTERS
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
OPERATIONS DIVISION
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non Recoverable Remains

TO: Non Recoverable Board, AGRC

1. It is recommended that the Board take Action on the following cases:

NAMES: See Attached Roster

ORGANIZATION: See 371 Forms

DATE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

PLACE OF DEATH: See 371 Forms

SYNOPSIS: The casualties listed on attached roster are reported by official records as Missing in Action or Killed in Action during ground or air operations in the department of Moselle, France, from the period 5 September 1944 to 16 March 1945. Extensive area searches as well as individual investigation have to date failed to furnish information as to the ultimate disposition of their remains. Efforts to effect association with unidentified recoveries from the area, now interred in U.S. Military Cemeteries, have also proven negative. The lack of specific information regarding the death or burial, limited search in most instances to general localities, however, documents on file in this Office and Office of The Quartermaster General substantiate the fact that numerous investigations covering the entire department of Moselle have been conducted in the course of search operations for all losses, both recovered and unrecovered. The terrain of the Moselle department, for the most part, consists of farm, pasture and forested areas which has been under constant cultivation and supervision by farmers and forest guards, since the cessation of hostilities, thus the possibility of undiscovered graves is remote. It can therefore be concluded that the remains of the deceased in question were reduced by battle action to a state which precludes recovery or identification. The absence of specific information concerning their deaths, the failure of Field Investigations to provide

PLACE OF DEATH
Moselle, France

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FINDINGS OF NONRECOVERABILITY
TO ACCOMPANY PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF REVIEW

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>SERIAL NO.</u>	<u>DATE KIA OR MIA</u>
Addario, Joseph J.	Pvt	32 847 803	5 Sep 44
Bates, Charlie (NMI)	T/5	38 286 573	1 Jan 45
Battin, Harold A.	Pfc	37 364 691	15 Mar 45
Binder, Howard A.	Pvt	39 305 680	10 Oct 44
Black, James W.	Pfc	33 837 051	1 Jan 45
Bonds, Alfred B.	Pfc	42 012 457	8 Nov 44
Brazowski, Joseph (NMI)	Pfc	31 255 517	15 Mar 45
Bulfin, Edward J.	Pvt	32 796 939	10 Oct 44
Bundrock, William J., Jr.	Pvt	39 622 035	10 Oct 44
Busby, Woodrow W.	Pvt	34 392 872	14 Nov 44
Castilone, Stephen J.	Pvt	42 091 109	22 Nov 44
Cerny, Jaro J.	Pfc	35 921 362	14 Oct 44
Clark, Charles E.	Pvt	32 783 174	10 Oct 44
Clement, Alfred J.	Pfc	36 227 750	8 Sep 44
Clement, Laurent H.	Sgt	37 542 237	12 Jan 45
Collino, Dominic P.	Pfc	35 835 516	2 Jan 45
Crawford, James W.	S/Sgt	34 254 893	8 Sep 44
Crews, Robert A.	Pfc	34 771 711	15 Oct 44
Cullison, Thomas J.	L/Lt	01 318 765	10 Sep 44
Deneen, Jerome C.	Pfc	36 227 925	8 Sep 44
Eaton, James A.	S/Sgt	32 855 293	12 Nov 44
Erardi, Joseph, Jr.	Pvt	32 254 567	15 Sep 44
Finlay, Robin L.	S/Sgt	37 071 020	17 Dec 44
Fisher, Syphes B.	Cpl	20 817 194	2 Jan 45
Fisher, Willard C.	Sgt	39 339 014	16 Sep 44
Fortuna, Andrew J.	Pfc	33 843 709	8 Feb 45
Foy, Lloyd (NMI)	Pvt	34 253 686	10 Sep 44
Gagnier, Camille (NMI)	Pfc	31 334 319	15 Mar 45
Garvey, Thomas F., II	Pfc	33 888 119	17 Feb 45
Gaulton, John H.	Cpl	32 796 280	10 Oct 44
Gebhards, Harry A.	Pfc	36 052 118	8 Sep 44
Goddard, Merrill J.	Pfc	14 140 023	14 Nov 44
Gopfert, Arthur C.	Pfc	31 468 492	14 Jan 45
Halloran, William F.	Pfc	32 257 356	9 Sep 44
Hamilton, Woodrow W.	Pfc	39 604 664	23 Nov 44
Harris, Ralph (NMI)	Pvt	36 024 001	11 Sep 44
Hatch, Stewart H.	Pfc	31 301 636	1 Jan 45
Hayslett, Clayton F.	T/5	15 056 320	24 Nov 44
Hill, Edgar	Pvt	31 269 360	8 Sep 44
Holl, Richard L.	Pfc	35 064 223	31 Dec 44
Hunt, Orville (NMI)	Pfc	16 006 889	9 Sep 44
Johnson, Ervan M.	Pfc	35 896 040	10 Nov 44
Johnson, Rodger B.	Pvt	34 875 393	18 Sep 44
Keeley, Thomas P.	Pfc	33 592 142	10 Nov 44
Kiger, Earl W.	Pfc	36 228 224	10 Sep 44
Knotts, Herbert C.	Pvt	42 082 759	10 Sep 44
Krepfia, Jerry J.	Cpl	32 796 241	10 Oct 44
Lalopa, Frank (NMI)	Pfc	32 736 269	9 Sep 44
Laskowski, Anthony A.	Pvt	33 844 226	10 Oct 44
Lloyd, Maurice E.	Pfc	36 774 991	1 Jan 45
Maguire, John O.	Pvt	31 302 999	20 Dec 44
Matuszak, Thaddeus S.	Sgt	36 214 574	11 Sep 44
Mizutowicz, Walter M.	Pvt	36 950 283	19 Sep 44

Morici, Louis A.	Pvt	32 796 502	10 Oct 44
Nash, Willie G.	Pvt	34 899 335	8 Sep 44
Nemiccola, Anthony (NMI)	Pvt	32 637 746	10 Oct 44
Paletta, Joseph F.	Pvt	32 797 179	10 Oct 44
Paschall, Quillione R.	Pfc	34 979 034	8 Jan 45
Pfeiffer, Albert J.	Pfc	32 750 453	8 Nov 44
Pollard, Oscar	Pfc	35 681 500	10 Oct 44
Ponsone, John (NMI)	Pfc	34 192 303	10 Sep 44
Pruitt, Orval B.	Pvt	38 440 765	24 Nov 44
Pulkas, Walter W.	Pvt	36 456 254	1 Jan 45
Richter, Herbert R.	Pvt	20 229 636	13 Dec 44
Risoli, Samuel G.	S/Sgt	32 112 032	10 Sep 44
Roelfs, Harm A.	Pvt	36 058 741	25 Sep 44
Rosa, Dominio T.	Pvt	31 440 318	26 Sep 44
Ruffolo, "ennie (NMI)	Pvt	36 214 242	10 Sep 44
Santos, John C.	Cpl	19 133 953	21 Dec 44
Schlamp, Raymond U.	Pfc	36 227 835	11 Sep 44
Schue, George E.	Pfc	33 843 335	17 Nov 44
Shenk, Charles W.	S/Sgt	33 154 539	20 Sep 44
Siple, Clayton L.	Pfc	36 168 398	13 Jan 45
Skaar, Robert L.	Pvt	36 845 252	10 Mar 45
Slankard, Evan (NMI)	T/4	37 010 778	18 Sep 44
Slinkard, Von O.	Pfc	37 607 293	28 Dec 44
Smith, Albert A.	Pvt	6 277 121	16 Oct 44
Smith, Ira L.	Sgt	37 213 150	18 Nov 44
Smith, James S.	T/Sgt	6 985 951	11 Sep 44
Smith, Paul A.	Pvt	34 827 976	10 Oct 44
Smolinski, Leo E.	Pfc	32 796 578	10 Oct 44
Spear, Harold H.	T/Sgt	36 103 576	10 Sep 44
Standridge, Wendell F.	Pvt	35 927 044	10 Sep 44
Sullivan, John P.	Pfc	32 847 571	5 Sep 44
Taylor, Joseph W.	Pfc	34 573 608	21 Sep 44
Tew, Charles R.	Pvt	34 912 164	12 Nov 44
Thornton, Robert L.	S/Sgt	34 573 833	1 Jan 45
Tommassone, Edward E.	Pfc	36 643 937	8 Sep 44
Underwood, Wilburn T.	Pfc	34 269 379	10 Sep 44
Valdez, Joe M.	T/5	18 119 800	16 Sep 44
Wells, Thomas H.	Maj	0 392 480	19 Sep 44
Wenzel, Peter H.	T/5	32 747 445	10 Oct 44
West, Robert D.	S/Sgt	6 345 808	18 Sep 44
Wilkins, Joe J.	Pvt	19 018 654	12 Nov 44
Williams, Evan (NMI)	S/Sgt	6 393 665	19 Sep 44
Williams, Gomer (NMI)	Pvt	33 113 760	10 Sep 44
Williams, James L.	Pfc	36 568 028	10 Sep 44
Willis, Robert W.	Pfc	37 357 968	19 Dec 44
Wirtz, Matthew (NMI)	1/Lt	01 287 638	10 Sep 44
Wright, James E.	1/Lt	0 402 766	10 Sep 44
Young, John F.	Pfc	37 516 472	10 Mar 45
Zahradnik, Henry E.	Pfc	32 605 630	10 Oct 44
Zalac, Michael J., Jr.	Sgt	36 813 035	10 Sep 44

The Roster Received from Field Board is filed in 293 File of
 ADDABBO, Joseph J., Pvt, 32 847 803.

HEADQUARTERS
887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
OPERATIONS DIVISION
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

15178

Proceedings of a Board of Officers appointed in accordance with letter AGAO-S-293.9 (27 Mar 47) D-M, War Dept, TAGO, 9 April 1947.

The Board convened pursuant to par 4, SO 139, headquarters, 788 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 15 November 1950, at Liege, Belgium on . The purpose of the Board was to determine the non-recoverability status of certain casualties now under jurisdiction of this command.

The Board reviewed report of investigation, statements of witness and other papers, contained in the files of 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, EA, pertaining to the case of the following named casualty/casualties, the remains of which have not been recovered. The case records and other data considered, are attached.

<u>CASE #</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>GRADE</u>	<u>ASN</u>
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SEE ATTACHED ROSTER.

FINDINGS: The Board having carefully considered the evidence before it, finds the remains of said casualty/casualties are non-recoverable.

RECOMMENDATION: That the case concerning subject casualty/casualties be forwarded to the Office of the Quartermaster General for final approval.

<u>EDWARD D. MULVANY, Lt. Col. O-359598, QMC</u>	<u>s/ James C. MacFarland</u> <u>JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Major, O-1576321 QMC</u>
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<u>s/ George Gunderman, Jr.</u> <u>GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR Major, O-1289071</u>	<u>CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, Capt, O-1040311, QMC</u>
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<u>LEWIS A. McAMIS, Capt, O-1543042, MSC/QMC</u>	<u>JOHN M. NEFF, Capt. O-1055924, QMC</u>
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<u>s/ Allan L. Lawson,</u> <u>ALLAN L. LAWSON, Capt, O-1288075, QMC</u>	<u>ROBERT W. GANSEL, 1/Lt, O-1599085, QMC</u>
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<u>JOHN A. BOUTIN, 2/Lt O-947298, QMC</u>

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Robert G. Lay
ROBERT G. LAY
Maj QMC

NON-RECOVERABLE CASE
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL

CASE NUMBER 15178 (1)

AREA OR ZONE(S)
European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Shenk, Charles W.

RANK

S/Sgt

SERIAL NUMBER

33 154 539

THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW HAVE BEEN REVIEWED AND THE FINDINGS OF NON-RECOVERABILITY OF THE REMAINS OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL(S) ARE APPROVED. (Corrections in name, rank, and/or serial number have been effected when appropriate.)

Individual Case

IN THE COURSE OF THIS REVIEW THE FOLLOWING SOURCES OF INFORMATION HAVE BEEN EXAMINED FOR ADDITIONAL CLUES. COPIES OF ANY DOCUMENTS BELIEVED MATERIAL TO THE CASE ARE ATTACHED FOLLOWING THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW.

1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S)	INITIALS OF ANALYST	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE)	INITIALS OF ANALYST
	<i>WBSK</i>	2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH c. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION	<i>WBSK</i>
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS	<i>WBSK</i>	4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA	<i>WBSK</i>
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN	<i>WBSK</i>	6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED	<i>WBSK</i>
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	None		<i>WBSK</i>

THE FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE BEEN FOUND TO BE SUBSTANTIALLY AS PRESENTED IN THE ATTACHED PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIELD BOARD OF REVIEW, WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

Missing in action 21 September 1944 in the vicinity of Sillegny, France

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NAME OF CASE ANALYST

A. Kennedy
A. Kennedy/cwt

CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO

FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

Identification Branch

CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	RECOMMEND APPROVAL	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH	DATE
<i>W. A. Wolf</i> W. A. WOLF		<i>Mary A. Edwards</i> MARY A. EDWARDS, 1/Lt OMC	<i>John M. Neff</i> JOHN M. NEFF, Capt OMC	MAR 12 1951

CONTROLLED CASE

NAME SHENK, CHARLES W.	GRADE S/Sgt	SERIAL NO. 33 154 539
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NAME OF REVIEWER

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R. B. STANLEY 17 APR 51

REMARKS

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6 October 1961

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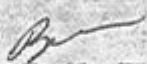
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Signature of Acceptance

The envelope is inclosed for your convenience in replying.

Sincerely yours,


T. W. HELD
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