



# INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE

**PONCE, ALFONSO**  
**39577559**  
**FRANCE HORSESHOE WOODS**

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NAME Ponce, Alfonso	GRADE Pvt	SERIAL NO. 39 577 559
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MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE  
REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, First, Middle)

PONCE, ALFONSO

RANK

SERIAL NUMBER

PVT.

39577559

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

AREA OF DEATH

25 SEPT. 44

FRANCE

NAME OF AUDITOR

DATE

KATZ

13 DEC. 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

DATE

RAGSDALE

14 DEC 51

REMARKS

QMHP 293  
Ponce, Alfonso, Pvt.  
39 577 559

*JL*  
10 December 1951

Mrs. Maria M. Ponce  
810 North Hazard Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mrs. Ponce:

Several years have elapsed since the cessation of hostilities of World War II, which cost the life of your husband, the late Private Alfonso Ponce.

It is with deep regret that your Government finds it necessary to inform you that further search and investigation have failed to reveal the whereabouts of your husband's remains. Since all efforts to recover and/or identify his remains have failed, it has been necessary to declare that his remains are not recoverable.

Realizing the extent of your great loss, it is with reluctance that you are sent the information that there is no grave at which to pay homage. May the knowledge of your husband's honorable service to his country be a source of sustaining comfort to you.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES B. CLEARWATER  
Colonel, QMC  
Chief, Memorial Division

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PONCE, Alfonso  
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QMGEP 293  
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<b>NON-RECOVERABLE CASE RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL</b>		CASE NUMBER <b>17131 (2)</b>
		AREA OR ZONE(S) <b>European</b>
NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>P. Ponce, Alfonso</i>	RANK <b>Pvt</b>	SERIAL NUMBER <b>39 577 559</b>
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.)		
<b>The above decedent and one (1) other</b>		
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 <i>APC</i>	(CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE) 2. a. REPORT OF DEATH <del>b. FINDING OF DEATH</del> <del>c. STATUS REVIEW &amp; DETERMINATION</del>
3. A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS		4. GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWN RECOVERED FROM APPROPRIATE AREA
5. ALPHABETICAL INDEX OF "BELIEVED TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWN		6. ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UNKNOWN NOW IDENTIFIED
7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES	<b>None</b>	
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:		
<b>None</b>		
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NAME OF CASE ANALYST <i>A. J. Craten</i> <b>A. J. Craten/cwt</b>	CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO _____ FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.	
RECOMMEND APPROVAL CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>C. E. Newbaker</i> <b>C. E. NEWBAKER</b>	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Mary A. Edwards</i> <b>MARY A. EDWARDS, Capt QMC</b>	APPROVED CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH <i>Benjamin B. King</i> <b>BENJAMIN B. KING, Lt. Col QMC</b>
		DATE <b>29 OCT 1951</b>



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

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

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1. The Board convened pursuant to par. 4, SO 32, Headquarters,  
7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 10 April 1951,  
at Liege, Belgium, on 18 June 1951.

2. Members present:

JAMES C. MacFARLAND Lt Colonel, OMC  
GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR. Major, OMC  
ALLAN L. LAWSON Captain OMC

3. PURPOSE: To review and determine, from evidence presented,  
the non-recoverability of the remains of World War II dead lost in the  
geographical area described below:

a. Area  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile Southeast of Longueville, Moselle, France,  
Case # 763.

b. FACTS:

The casualties listed below, members of the 23rd Armored  
Infantry Battalion, were reported as Killed in Action in the location  
as set forth above, on 25 September 1944.

PERRI, Ferdinand F.	Pvt	33 774 742
PONCE, Alfonso	Pvt	39 577 559

4. FINDINGS:

a. The only information available on the two casualties is that  
given by Mr. John L. Margreiter Jr., who in two letters has outlined the  
area where the two casualties were last seen.

b. Field Investigations were conducted in the appropriate area  
in April, December 1950 and 4 May 1951 in conjunction with information  
given by John L. Margreiter Jr., however, these complete investigations  
have ended negatively, thus the remains of the two casualties must be  
considered Non-Recoverable.

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c. Reference is made to: OQMG Forms 371; Letters received from John L. Margreiter Jr., dated 21 May and 28 September 1948; On file in the Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

d. Reference is also made to: Narratives of Investigations, dated 25 April, 11 December 1950 and 4 May 1951: Attached.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS: That the remains of the deceased herein considered, be determined Non-Recoverable.

*James C. MacFarland*  
JAMES C. MACFARLAND  
Lt Colonel, QMG  
Member

*George Cunderman, Jr.*  
GEORGE CUNDERMAN, JR.  
Major, QMG  
Member

*Allan L. Lawson*  
ALLAN L. LAWSON  
Captain, QMG  
Member

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APO 757 (LIEGE) US ARMY

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NUMBER 32 )

10 April 1951

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4. PAC, Ltr., WD-AGO-S 293,9, dtd 9 Apr 47, Subj: "Establishment of Boards of Review for Identification of Unknown Dead Overseas", and par 118 b, SR 830-110-5, DA, dtd 3 Mar 49, a Board of Ofs 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 JAMES C. MacFARLAND, O 1 576 321, QMC., President  
MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr., O 1 289 071, INF/QMC.,  
CAPT CLYDE W. STEINSIEK, O 1 040 311, 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/ EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,  
t/ EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr.,  
CAPT., QMC,  
Adjutant.

A TRUE COPY:

  
MARY A. EDWARDS  
1st Lt QMC

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REGISTRATION DIVISION  
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

25 April 1950

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. AUTHORITY

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II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES

The information contained in the above mentioned letter and accompanying sketch, indicates that Pvt. Ferdinand FERRI and Alfonso PONCE were part of a group of replacements which were moved into position in the rear of "C" Company, 23 Armored Infantry Battalion, on the night of the 22 September 1944. The men were instructed to "dig in" along the edge of a road between BOUXIERE and LONGUEVILLE-les-CHEMINOTS. This road had been "zeroed in" by the enemy, who were in possession of the town of LONGUEVILLE and a mortar shell landed in the foxhole which the two men were occupying.

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might be able to furnish additional information. In the company of Mr. Touvanot, this investigator proceeded to the farm of Mr. Louis Borsenberger, located at MARLEY-AUX-BOIS. Here it was discovered that the brother of Mr. Borsenberger had found a wallet and prayer book sometime in 1945 and had turned them over to the Gendarmerie where they were forwarded to the AGRC headquarters either at Nancy or Paris. In addition it was discovered that this particular farm had been used by the American troops as a hospital and dispensary and Mr. Borsenberger was still in possession of a book or register in which were entered the names of patients treated between the 21 June 1944 and the 15 October 1944. This record is marked simply as "SICK CALL RECORD 3rd Bn" with no unit designation given and is being forwarded with this report only as a matter of record, as it is believed that it has no direct bearing on this case. Further questioning of Mr. Borsenberger disclosed the fact that the area indicated in the sketch inclosed as part of the letter from Mr. John L. Margreiter Jr. is situated slightly below this farm and that it has previously been investigated with negative results. A visit was then made to the area in question and it was discovered that many foxholes are still in this vicinity. Most of these holes show evidence of having been investigated. Brush and shrubs have been cut down and the dirt disturbed. These foxholes also show, by the presence of empty "C Ration" cans and traces of cardboard cartons, as well as the reinforcing of the sides by boards and burlap sacking, that they were occupied for a longer period of time than is indicated by Mr. Margreiter's letter.

In attempting to orient the sketch which was inclosed as part of this letter, it was found that the road, as indicated on this plan, is not shown in the correct geographical location. It is actually located further North East, as the road makes a sharp bend some three hundred yards below the spot indicated. In an effort to determine the exact location and the owner of the property concerned, I next visited the Mairie of the village of Cheminot where contact was made with the secretary. Examination of a large scale map of this section of the terrain disclosed the section, which appears to be that indicated by Mr. Margreiter, as being under cultivation at the present time. (see sketch of area attached). Mr. Hurstel, the secretary, stated that he had been told that a few foxholes had been found in this area but that they had been filled in by the owner of the land several years ago. He also stated that no report of the findings of any remains had ever been made to the Mayor's office. (Statement attached).

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The area in question was then visited and it was found to be under cultivation as previously stated. Three shallow depressions found along the edge of the road were investigated with negative results.

Mr. Touvenot, Commandant of the Gendarmerie stated that he would have a notice circulated in the area stating the fact that the remains of two American soldiers might still be buried there and that all foxholes and shell craters were to be investigated before being filled in by the land owners concerned. The correct address of this headquarters was left at the Gendarmerie and any information obtained by the Commandant will be forwarded.

IV. CONCLUSION:

Previous investigation in this area was made in a section which could not have been occupied by the subject casualties.

The area where the foxholes indicated by Mr. Margreiter were located, is now under cultivation and has been for several years.

Foxholes that may have existed have been filled in and no trace of remains has been found by persons working this land.

V. RECOMMENDATION:

That the Gendarmerie at SOIGNE be given time to inform the land owners in question of the facts as stated and that another investigation be conducted later when conditions will permit the excavation of parts of the area now under cultivation.

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1. Statement  
Mr. Touvenot
2. Statement  
Mr. Victor Hurstel
3. "SICK CALL RECORD 3rd Bn"
4. Sketch of Area

H. E. WARNER  
DA CIV  
Investigator

GENDARMERIE NATIONALE

Moins, 23 Avril

solgne 25 April 1950

Today 25 April 1950, we accompanied a searching party with the purpose of discovering the remains of an American soldier killed in 1944, near Cheminet.

We found the place indicated by the witness, but no remains could be found.

From the information obtained at Monly-aux-Bois, Longeville, and Cheminet, we located 50 foxholes, mostly filled in by the land-owners.

Certified a true translation:

JEAN LAURAIN  
Investigator  
IBS

The Chief Policeman  
Thouvenot

/s/ Illegible

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**STATEMENT**

Cheminot, 25 April 1950

I the undersigned HURSTEL Victor, school teacher, secretary to the Mayor declare the American GRC, made an investigation concerning the soldiers killed in September 1944 in the territory of the Comans. This work was done in the presence of Mr. Thouvenot, Chief Policeman at Solgne.

Furthermore, searches were conducted in the course of the year 1949 by an employee of the searching services.

Certified a true translation

/s/ HURSTEL

JEAN LAURAIN  
Investigator  
IBS

Seal

11 December 1950

This investigation could not be completed due to the fact that the area in which excavation and probing operations are to be conducted, is flooded. It is recommended that the case be held in suspense until Spring.

H. S. EPHRAIM

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

4 May 1951

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. In compliance with the instructions contained in Investigation Directive # 554, dated 13 November 1950, an investigation was conducted in the vicinity of LONGUEVILLE-Les-CHEMINOTS and BOUXIERE-SOUS-FROIDMONT in an effort to recover the remains of Pvt FERDINAND F. FERRI, 33774742 and Pvt ALFONSO, PONCE, 39577559 reported to have been killed in action in this area.

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

Information contained in letters received from Mr John L. Margreiter Jr, indicates that Pvs Ferdinand FERRI and Alfonso PONCE were part of a group of replacements which were moved into position in the rear of "C" Company, 23 Armored Infantry Battalion, on the night of the 22 September 1944. The men were instructed to "dig in" along the edge of a road between BOUXIERE and LONGUEVILLE-LES-CHEMINOTS. This road had been "zeroed in" by the enemy, who were in possession of the town of LONGUEVILLE and a mortar shell landed in the foxhole which the two men were occupying, killing them instantly and almost completely covering the remains with earth. Due to the tactical situation, the remains were not evacuated and it is believed that the men were not reported missing until some time after their organization had left the area.

A previous investigation was made in this area in April 1950 with negative results. Area indicated in sketch furnished by Mr Margreiter was under cultivation and many of the foxholes had been filled in by the owners of the land.

III. FINDINGS:

As this case had been previously investigated with the assistance of Mr TOUVENOT, Commandant of the Brigade of Gendarmes for this region, located in the town of SOLGNE, he was visited in an attempt to find out if additional research carried out by the police had revealed any further information. Mr TOUVENOT stated that he had caused the story of the circumstances surrounding the death of the subject casualties to be circulated in the area concerned but that to date, no additional information had been received from land owners or local residents.

A visit was next made to the area concerned and a thorough search was made. Woods and fields were subjected to a foot by foot examination, the sides of the roads leading to BOUXIERE-SOUS-FROIDMONT and MARLY-AUX-BOIS were also checked as far as the outskirts of these two villages. All foxholes and shell craters were excavated to a depth sufficient to eliminate

Narrative of Investigation: (Cont'd)

4 May 1951

the presence of human remains. The area indicated in the sketch provided by Mr. Margreiter was also carefully checked and any depression resembling either a foxhole or a shell crater was excavated. The results of this search were completely negative.

Woodcutters at work cutting the trees along a portion of the road to BOUXIERE and local residents of LONGUEVILLE-LES-CHEMINOTS and CHEMINOTS at work in nearby fields were also questioned with negative results. All persons interrogated stated that they had never heard of any remains being discovered in this area.

Due to the fact that information furnished by Mr. Margreiter indicates the area where the subject casualties were killed as "½ mile South East of Longueville-les-Cheminots along the road to Bouxiere-sous-Froidmont", when this road actually runs South West of Longueville it had previously been supposed that this was a natural error on his part due to the lapse of time and circumstances involved. In order to verify this however, the region East and South East of Longueville was also investigated. The results of this further research were also negative. Nothing could be found in this direction which corresponds in any respect with the description of the area furnished by Mr. Margreiter.

IV. CONCLUSION:

The entire area between Longueville-les-Cheminots and Bouxiere-sous-Froidmont has been thoroughly investigated with negative results.

All foxholes and shell craters have been excavated and fields have been carefully inspected.

The condition of the area where the subject casualties occurred; ie: under cultivation or open fields which are used for grazing, would seem to preclude the possibility of any remains being undiscovered after normal operations were resumed by local farmers. Local residents and persons cultivating the land in the area in question have been interrogated by the French police with negative results since the previous investigation in April 1950.

It therefore seems logical to conclude that the remains of the subject casualties were discovered and removed by American units that occupied the area shortly after this incident occurred.

V. RECOMMENDATION:

That a final attempt be made to associate the subject casualties with unknown deceased recovered from this area.

That if the results of this further research are negative, consideration be given for Non-Recoverable action in the case of the subject

Narrative of Investigation: (Cont'd)

4 May 1951

casualties, predicated upon the results of this investigation.

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

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Refer to:  
QMGS 293  
PERRI, FERDINAND F.  
PONCE, ALFONSO

712 West Pierce Street  
Kirkville, mo.  
2 May 1949

Lt. Col. Metz, QMC Memorial Division  
Office of the Quartermaster General  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Colonel Metz:

I received your letter of 26 April, 1949, concerning the remains of the late Ptes. Perri and Ponce and was very glad to learn that my story had been substantiated and that the search would be continued. I want to thank you personally for including the addresses of the next-of-kin, since I know that most relatives of men killed in action would like to know the details. I have written to both widows and explained that I was present and that death came instantaneously and painlessly. I also explained how I got their addresses and that I would give them all details if they so desired, at the same time making it clear that I was only hoping to ease their minds--too many war widows have been victimized by people who offered spurious information for a sum of money. I have been interested in this matter and its solution primarily through a sense of duty and also because of the fact that if the mortar round that killed these men had fallen 25 feet shorter it would be me buried by that road in France.

If I may be of any further assistance in this matter please let me know. And, if it is not too much trouble I would like to ask if you would notify me when and if the remains are found, since I would like to see the end of this matter. Thanking you for your co-operation, I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ JOHN L. MARGREITER, JR.



293 Perri, Alfonso

QMMS 293  
Perri, Ferdinand F.  
~~Ponce, Alfonso~~

26 April 1949

Mr. John L. Margreiter, Jr.  
712 West Pierce Street  
Kirksville, Missouri

Dear Mr. Margreiter:

Further reference is made to your letters to this Office concerning the two persons killed in a fox hole in the vicinity of Longville or Bouxieres, France.

The two individuals mentioned by you have been identified as Pvt. Ferdinand F. Perri, whose wife, Mrs. Anna Perri, resides at 7839 Nixon Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Pvt. Alfonso Ponce, whose wife, Mrs. Maria M. Ponce, resides at 810 North Hazard Avenue, Los Angeles, California. Both men were members of Company C, 23rd Armd Inf Bn, and were killed in action on 25 September 1944 near Bouxieres, France.

To date, no information has been received in this Office indicating that the remains of Pvts. Ponce and Perri have been recovered. However, copies of your letters have been submitted to the Graves Registration Command in Europe and it is hoped that the information contained therein will assist the Search Teams in the recovery of the bodies.

May we again thank you for your very commendable interest in this case and assure you that every effort will be made to recover the bodies of Pvts. Ponce and Perri.

Sincerely yours,

T. H. METZ  
Lt. Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

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293 Ponce,  
Alfonso

AIR MAIL

QMGMS 293

Ponce, Alfonso, 39577559 *en*

~~Perri, Ferdinand, 33774742~~

26 April 1949

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown Deceased

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

1. Attached, for your information, are photostatic copies of two letters received from Mr. John T. Margreiter, Jr., a former member of Company C, 23rd Armd Inf Bn, concerning his eye-witness account of the deaths of two soldiers killed near Bouxieres, France on 25 September 1944.

2. The two individuals mentioned by Mr. Margreiter have been identified as Pvt. Alfonso Ponce, 39577559 and Pvt. Ferdinand F. Perri, 33774742. QMG Forms 371 for both men were forwarded your Headquarters on 25 May 1948.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

2 Incls:  
Incl 1 cy ltr dtd 21 May 48  
Incl 2 cy ltr dtd 28 Sept 48

T. H. METZ  
Lt. Colonel, QMC  
Memorial Division

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\*293 Perri, Ferdinand F. - 33774742

AIR MAIL



710 West Main Street  
Flat River, Mo.  
21 May, 1948

The Quartermaster General  
Memorial Division  
Washington 25, D.C.

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395-77-559

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Dear sir:

A few weeks ago I read an article, "The Search for Soldier X", in Foreign Service, the V.F.W. monthly. The article was a report on the search for the bodies of those still missing and caused me to think of a matter which I had almost forgotten-- a matter pertaining to two men whom I believe to be buried in the foxhole in which they died.

I wrote to the editor of Foreign Service and asked which government agency I should contact, and they forwarded my letter to the American Graves Registration Division at the Kansas City Quartermaster Depot. This morning I received a letter from the latter telling me to send my information to you, hence this letter.

In September, 1944, the 23rd Armored Infantry Battalion of the 7th Armored Division was held up in its advance before the town of Longville, France, which is in the vicinity of Metz. I was in a large replacement package which joined that unit on 21 September, a large group of us going to "C" Company which lay in battalion support behind "B" and "A" Companies. Our group was taken up to the line on the night of 22 September and we were not assigned to any particular platoons, but instead were shown where to dig in as a separate group behind the company. I believe that the idea of this scheme was to give us some experience with artillery and mortar fire, but the noncom who placed us picked a very bad position, an area that was close to a road and hence "zeroed in" by the enemy.

On 24 September (I know these exact dates because I kept a small diary while overseas) a mortar round fell into a foxhole about 25 feet from mine and killed both occupants instantly. I crawled over to their hole and saw that one had been completely blown to bits and that the other was completely buried. Since it had been a direct hit I didn't bother to uncover the latter. Later that afternoon an aid man named Wright came by and looked at the remains, but we were the only men in the company who saw them. That night the 7th Armored pulled out to go to Holland, leaving the two dead men in the hole. I might mention that the weather and the terrain in the sector were very bad, so that the chances of the bodies being found even if the line had moved on were very slim. I happen to know that the town of Longville was not taken for at least five weeks, although the 5th and 95th Infantry Divisions both fought in this sector, and I feel that the mud and rain completely obliterated these bodies which were already almost totally covered. I don't believe that any of the men of the 5th and 95th used our holes because (as I said before) they were in a dangerous position and were of no tactical use whatsoever.

On 28 October, 1944, I was wounded and the other man who had seen the bodies was captured. In June, 1945, I returned to my company (after being evacuated a second time) and was called

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the orderly room a few days later. There I was asked if I knew what had happened to the two men in question and I swore under oath that they were dead. The first sergeant told me that they had been carried as "missing in action" since September, so I believe that the bodies were never picked up.

I think that both men were from California; and I know that their names were Pancey (I'm not sure about the spelling of this but I do know that the man was of Mexican extraction) and Perry. The former had at least one child and the latter had three, one of which he had never seen. If their bodies have been picked up I would like to have the names and addresses of their next of kin (if this is permissible) in order to write and put their minds at ease. If they were not recovered by Graves Registration then they are still in that foxhole between Bucsières (I'm not sure about the spelling of that name) and Longville. I doubt that I could find the spot on a map now, since it has been three years and eight months since I saw the area, but I do feel that I could find the place if I were <sup>there</sup> and if the edge of the forest wasn't mangled too badly by the artillery fire. It might be of help to you to know that these two men were in the replacement package which I believe (I have no record of this however) was designated "X-82-F" and had a temporary APO of 15422.

I would like to hear from you in regard to this matter, as I have been wondering about it for a long time and probably should have written sooner. Hoping that I may be of some help, I remain,

Yours in comradeship,

095 John L. Margreiter, Jr.

712 West Pierce Street  
Kirksville, Mo.  
28 September, 1948

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The Quartermaster General  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear sir:

I received your letter of 14 September a few days ago and would have answered sooner but for the fact that I am at college and needed some papers which were at my home. My first letter seems to have been somewhat confusing to you, but I'm sure that I can clear up some of the issues with this one.

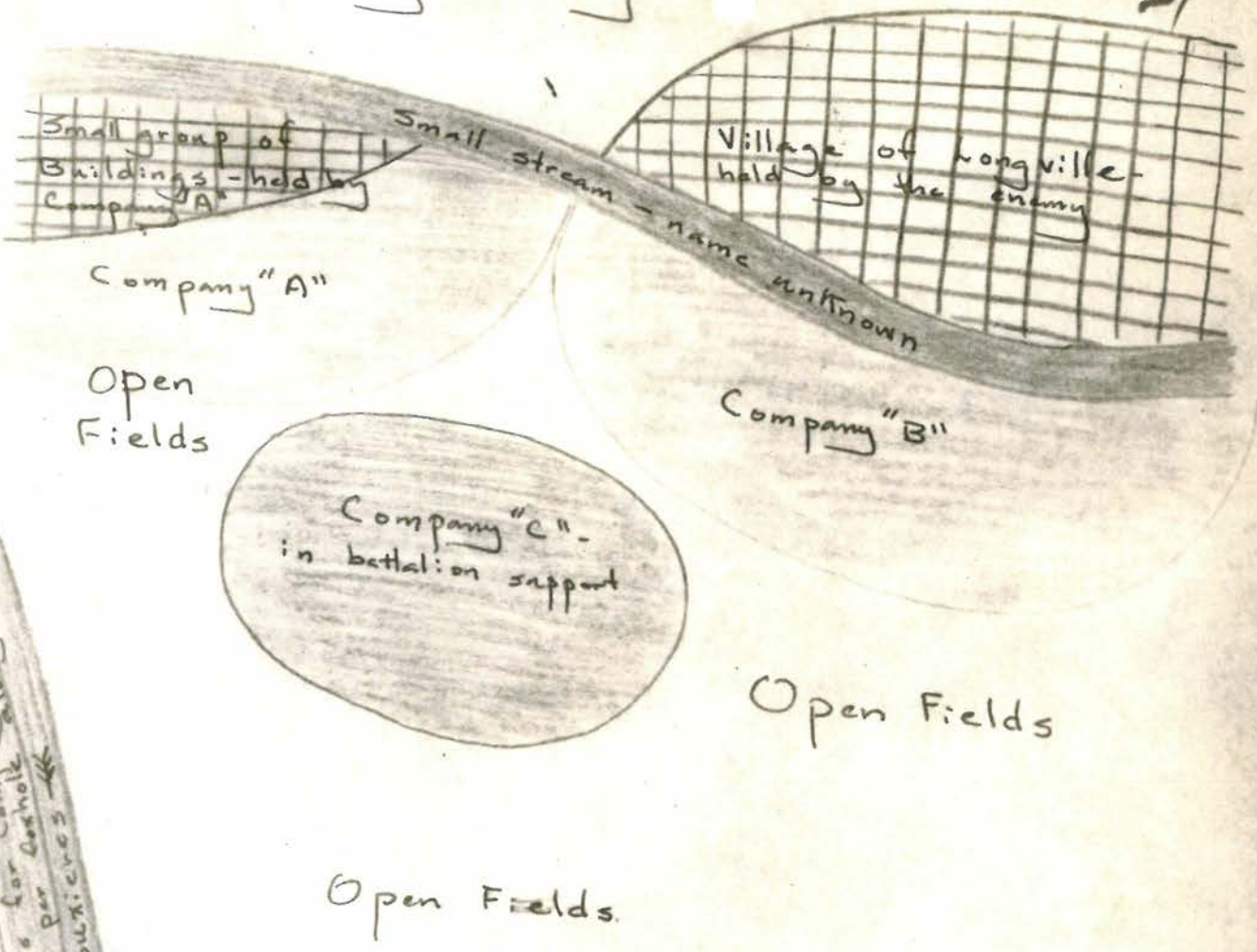
In the first place, you stated that the historical records and Morning Reports of Company "C", 23rd Armored Infantry Battalion, 7th Armored Division, had been checked and no parallels for the two casualties could be found. This is easily understandable if the situation is considered, since only two of us saw the men in question after they had been killed and the C. P. half-track (where the Morning Reports were always made out) was six miles to the rear at the time. Also, let me explain the circumstances which preceded the arrival of our group of replacements: on about 10 September, 1944, elements of the 5th Infantry and 7th Armored Divisions crossed the Moselle River at a town called Dornot and were contained by the enemy within a very small bridge-head. After three days of heavy fighting a withdrawal was effected, but most of the remaining members of the 23rd Armored Inf. Bn. were forced to swim back. Casualties were excessive, and a large number of men were being carried on the records as M.I.A. on 21 September, 1944, when the replacement package to which the late Pvts. Pancey and Perry and myself belonged was assigned to Company "C". Hence, the company records were full of missing men, and evidently the absence of the two men in question wasn't noticed until much later. And, on 29 October the C.P. half-track was hit by a shell and burned. The two men were killed before they could be assigned to a squad: the first time we went "up" we went as a group of replacements and dug in behind Company "C", which at that time consisted of one officer (LTJ - later Captain - William D. Tomney) and forty some-odd men. (Companies "A" and "B" had nothing to do with the casualties in question) It might help if I would sketch a map of the tactical situation as I remember it:

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Quartermaster, John D. P.



Enemy Territory

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Pvt. Pancy and Perry were killed somewhere in this area

Replacements for Company C along road

→ Road to Douxieres

Situation of 23rd Armored Infantry Battalion, 7th Armored Division, on 24 September, 1944. (In ~~XX~~ Corps Sector of the 3rd Army)

My guess would be that we replacements were not assigned to squads and platoons the first time "up" because of the expectation of a divisional move to another sector and also because of the very accurate mortar and artillery fire which made movement impossible during the hours of daylight.

After receiving your letter I sent home for a company roster I happened to have and received same yesterday. It did not include the ranks and only listed the men in the company in July of 1945, but I believe the name of the tonkick was George Lande, and his address at the time was 1 Tennis Court, Brooklyn, N.Y. At the time of my sworn statement he was a staff sergeant acting as First Sergeant. As I said in my previous letter, I do not remember which officer witnessed my statement, but a list of names and addresses of the company's officers in July, 1945, (of course, some of the addresses may have been changed by now) follows:

Tomney, William D. (C.O.)

Murphreesboro, Ark.

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Amos, Charles L., Jr.	1034 Rockford Road,	High Point, N.C.
Bray, Jack J.	401 Forest St.	Marion, Ohio
Finnell, Ishmael E.	925 Idlewild Ct.	Lexington, Ky.
Harding, Richard D.	2402 Chase St.	Falls City, Nebr.
Payne, Gordon H.	2640 E. 5th Ave.	Knoxville, Tenn.
Tennent, Henry D.	513 Lawton St., S.W.	Atlanta, Ga.

The only other man besides myself who saw the two casualties after they were dead was a T/5 medic named Wright. He was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action at Dornot and was captured at Meijel, Holland, on 29 October, 1944, the day after I was evacuated the first time. Hence, by the time the company headquarters section got around to straightening out the roster we were both gone, and so Pvts. Pancev and Perry were listed as M.I.A. I don't know Wright's first name or his address, but I think that a buddy of mine may know his present whereabouts, and I will write and try to get this information. All the other men ~~present in~~ close to the men in question at the time of their deaths were subsequently killed or evacuated with wounds, and I can't remember their names.

I am wondering if you have substantiated the fact that these men are really dead, since there must be a record concerning them somewhere in Washington. They both had families (Perry told me the day before he was killed that he had one child which he had never seen) and I very much want to get in touch with their wives in order to set their minds at ease as to what happened to them.

You will note that I am writing this from my college address, and I would appreciate it if you would send any future communications to me here. I hope that you will be able to throw more light on this matter with the information enclosed herewith, and I shall be eagerly awaiting the outcome of this affair.

Very sincerely yours,

John L. Margreiter, Jr.

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DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <b>PONCE ALFONSO</b>	GRADE <b>Pvt.</b>	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER <b>27517559</b>
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ORGANIZATION <b>Co C - 25th Airborne Inf</b>	RACE <b>WHITE</b>	CREED <b>CATHOLIC</b>	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable) —
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DATE OF DEATH/MIA <b>3-9-44</b>	CAUSE OF DEATH <b>Killed in Action</b>	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA <b>FIJI IS.</b>
DATE OF FOD		

HEIGHT <b>5'5"</b>	WEIGHT <b>112</b>	COLOR EYES <b>Brown</b>	COLOR HAIR <b>Black</b>	SHOE SIZE <b>7 1/2</b>
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



**FILE**  
**MAY 25 1948**  
**E. J. Sullivan, 1st Lt., QM1**  
**IDENTIFICATION BRANCH**

**IDENTIFICATION SECTION  
MEMORIAL DIVISION**

**IDENTIFICATION DATA**

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>PONCE ALFONSO</i>	ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>39577559</i>	GRADE <i>PUT</i>
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HEIGHT <i>5'5"</i>	WEIGHT <i>138</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Brown</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Black</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>7 1/2 B</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>25 SEP 44</i>
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LAST ORGANIZATION TO WHICH ATTACHED OR ASSIGNED (Give complete designation)  
*Co C 23<sup>rd</sup> ARMO. INF.*

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA  
*FRANCE*

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

STATION	DATES
<i>Cp Roberts, Calif</i>	<i>10 Mar 44</i>
<i>Ft. Meade, Md.</i>	<i>14 July 44</i>

FROM: W.B. AGO CLINICAL RECORDS DIVISION  
NO RECORDS ON FILE

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

REPORT OF DEATH

DATE 19 December 1944

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FULL NAME <u>Ponce, Alfonso</u>		ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <u>39577559</u>	GRADE <u>Pvt.</u>										
HOME ADDRESS <u>Los Angeles, California</u>		ARM OR SERVICE <u>Infantry</u>	DATE OF BIRTH <u>6 Mar 09</u>										
PLACE OF DEATH <u>European Area</u>	CAUSE OF DEATH <u>Killed in action</u>		DATE OF DEATH <u>25 Sept 44</u>										
STATION OF DECEASED <u>European Area</u>	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE <u>24 Feb 44</u>	LENGTH OF SERVICE FOR PAY PURPOSES YEARS MONTHS DAYS											
EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <u>Mrs. Maria M. Ponce, wife, 810 North Hazard Ave., Los Angeles, California</u>													
BENEFICIARY (NAME, RELATIONSHIP & ADDRESS) <u>Maria M. Ponce, wife, same as above</u> <u>Pedro Ponce, father, 810 N. Hazard Ave., Los Angeles, California</u> <u>Grace Ozuna, sister, same as above</u>													
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ADDITIONAL DATA AND/OR STATEMENT

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

*[Signature]*

ADJUTANT GENERAL



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

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR:

*[Signature]*  
ADJUTANT GENERAL

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

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**-BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT**

NAME		SERIAL NUMBER	GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE
PONCE ALFONSO		39577559	PVT	INF	ETO
PLACE OF CASUALTY	DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY
	DAY	MONTH	YEAR		
FRANCE 9	25	SEP	44		MIA
					SHIPMENT NUMBER
					213

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	RELATIONSHIP	DATE NOTIFIED
MRS MARIA MAGDALENA PONCE	WIFE	14 OCT. 1944 ELB
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE		
810 NORTH HAZARD AVENUE		LOS ANGELES CALIFORNIA

REMARKS:

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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):

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IN REPLY REFER TO 261477

RTB:RW:ant  
July 30, 1945

Mrs. Maria M. Ponce  
810 North Hazard Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mrs. Ponce:

The Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some property of your husband, Private Alfonso Ponce.

This property, consisting of a few small items, is being sent you.

If, for some reason, it has not been received at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me so that tracer may be instituted.

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my sympathy in the loss of your husband.

Yours very truly,

P. L. KOEB  
1st Lt., QMC  
Officer-in-Charge  
SJ Unit

by

ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

SHIP TO:  
Pvt. Alfonso Ponce

Mrs. Maria M. Ponce  
810 North Hazard Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

Effects of:  
Name

39577559

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Case No.

Wt.

DATE 30 July 1945

RTB:JPH:cc

*Taylor*  
FOR: Effects Quartermaster

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\_\_\_\_\_ Inclose Bureau Check  
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\_\_\_\_\_ Accounting Branch  
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Summary Court-Martial  
ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT  
601 Hardesty Avenue  
Kansas City 1, Missouri

JRH:JRH:cc

Case No. 261477  
Date 28 July 1945

SUBJECT: Report of transaction in disposing of the effects of

Alfonso Ponce, 39577559 late a  
(Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number)  
Private, Infantry who died  
(Grade) (Organization, Army or Service)  
on the 25 day of Sep, 1944, at European Area

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington 25, D.C.

1. Complying with A.W. 112, a Summary Court-Martial, convened at Kansas City Mo. Pursuant to S.O., 228 Hq., KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, for the purpose of disposing of the effects of the above-named soldier, or person subject to military law, reports that:

a. No legal representative or widow of decedent being present at decedents camp or quarters, effects of decedent were forwarded to this Summary Court-Martial.

b. Local debtors owed decedent's estate \$ none, of which the sum of \$ none was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None"; otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl. \_\_\_\_\_.)

c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$ none which has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt \_\_\_\_\_, Incl. \_\_\_\_\_)

d. Disposition of decedent's effects (less money paid creditors, if any) has been made by the Summary Court-Martial by transmittal through the Quartermaster Corps, at Government expense to person found entitled (See Summary Court-Martial FINDING below)

FINDING

Before a Summary Court-Martial which convened at Kansas City, Missouri, on 26 July 1945, pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. Maria M. Ponce for the effects of the above-named deceased soldier, or person subject to military law, now in the possession of the United States, with other relevant evidence, was duly considered;

Whereupon, this Summary Court-Martial finds that, under the provisions of

A.W. 112, Mrs. Maria M. Ponce of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of person found entitled)

810 North Hazard Avenue, Los Angeles State of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number, Street or Avenue) (City, Town or Village)

California, is the widow of the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Relationship or Capacity)

above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects.

(Signature of Summary Court Officer)

JOHN R. MURPHY, Colonel, QM

(Name, Rank  
SUMMARY CO

*Sub 90*

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION: #1 Pkg

ARMY-EFFECTS-BUREAU INVENTOR: 261,477

DECEASED:  MISSING  ABANDONED

TALLY NO. 4771

INV. DATE 19 July 45

ORIG. NO. OF PKGS. 1

NAME ALFONSO PANE ✓

A.S.N. 39577559 ✓ RANK ✓

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SHEET 1 OF 1 SHEETS

ORGANIZATION 20th Airborne Div

Belt	TOWELS & WASHCLOTHS	WINGS
BELT MONEY (NO MONEY)	CLOTHING	BAGS, CLOTH OR TRAVEL
Cloth, wash	BRACELET IDENT.	BILLFOLD, (NO MONEY)
Coats	Brushes	Case
Footwear, Pr.	CAMERAS	Footlocker
Gloves, Pr.	Glasses	KIT, SEW, PFT, OR WRITING
Handkerchiefs	Knives	BOOKS
Headwear	Lighters	Books, Address
Jackets	<i>X misc</i>	Books, Pilot Log
Overcoats	Pen, Fountain	DIARY (REMOVED FOR DUR)
Scarfs	Pencil, Mechanical	FILMS
Shirts	Pipes	Letters
Socks, Pr.	RELIGIOUS ARTICLES	Papers, Personal
Ties	RIBBONS, DECORATION	Photos
Towels	Rings	Shoe Shine Articles
Trousers, Pr.	Tobacco	SHORT-SWORTER
Trunks, Pr.	Toilet Articles	SOUVENIRS
Underwear	WATCH	SOUVENIR MONEY
		Stationery
		TESTAMENTS
		U.S. MONEY (AMOUNT)

REMARKS: *no information*

ATTACHMENTS: *Inventory*

FORM #54: *Inventory*

FORM #100:

C.A.T. *none*

WAREHOUSE SPACE: *893*

STORED BY: *SM*

INVENTORIED BY: *cole*

PACKED BY: *Adams*

CHECKED BY: *7*

WEIGHT

G.I. REMOVED

SHORTAGE ON REVERSE

IDENT. TAGS REMOVED

DIARY REMOVED

LOCKED STORAGE

DATE SHIPPED: *AUG 4 1945*

#43 OR ADDITIONAL:

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

1 Toilet Kit, stained, dented  
no value salvaged. (RD)

SHORTAGES

U.S. GOVT. CHECK SHORT

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

NAME PICKFORD, H. A. Lt. 6270

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
66	16	5	9781
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
PKG			

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I certify that the above listed items were not in the containers inventoried by me:

INVENTORY CLERK

SUPERVISOR

G.I. REMOVED

R E S T R I C T E D

October 25 1944

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of: Alfonso (NMI) Ponce  
39577559 23rd Arm'd Inf Bn 7th Armored Division  
MIA about September 25 1944.  
Designated Beneficiary not readily accessible.  
TO : Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone.

Inventory of Effects  
1 Toilet Article Kit  
1 Sewing Kit

No money

Names and addresses of any banks not known

I certify that the above items constitute all of the effects, secured by me, of the above named individual and that they were forwarded to the Effects Depot by truck on October 25 1944.

*H. A. Pickford*

H. A. PICKFORD  
1st Lt. QMC C-1016270  
Headquarters 7th A.D.





## **JPAC – J2 MEMO**

**Date: 7 May 2004**

**Subject: Pvt Ponce and Pvt Perri, FRANCE**

**To: File**

**From: Christopher McDermott, ORISE**

Pvt Alfonso Ponce and Pvt Ferdinand Perri MIA from 25 September 1944, believed to have been together in a foxhole struck by a mortar round in the vicinity of Bouxiere, a sketch map was provided by a survivor by AGRC searches were negative.

Updated EuroTOM and began separate case file.

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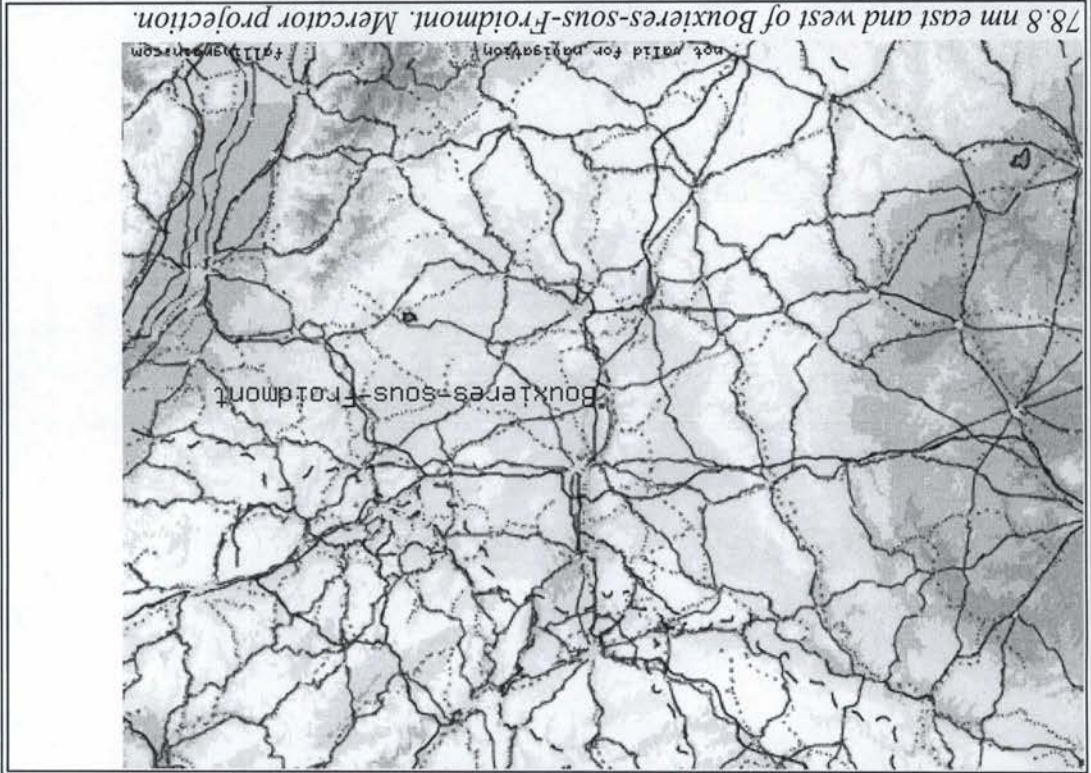
# Bouxieres-sous-Froidmont, France Page

World:France:Alsace

Latitude	48.95	Longitude	6.0833333	Altitude (feet)	718
Lat (DMS)	48° 57' 0N	Long (DMS)	6° 4' 60E	Altitude (meters)	218

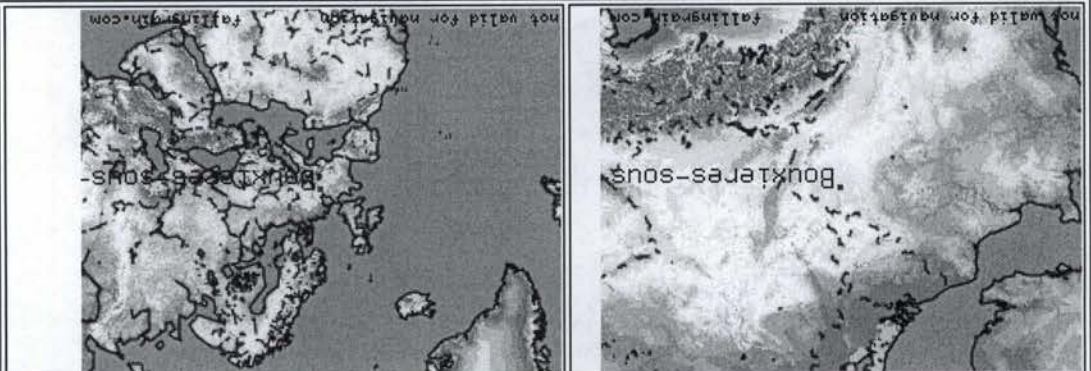
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Google links for Bouxieres-sous-Froidmont	Google links for Bouxieres-sous-Froidmont, France
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78.8 nm east and west of Bouxieres-sous-Froidmont, Mercator projection.

Illuminated Bigger Smaller Wider Narrower Taller Shorter Reset					
4.0X In	2.0X In	1.4X In	1.4X Out	2.0X Out	4.0X Out



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