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MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

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RANK KLINGER RANDALL
SERIAL NUMBER

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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.)

Considered as an 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.

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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:

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

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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.

CASE #

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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.

s/James C. MacFarland
JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Major, 0-1576321, QMC

s/ George Gunderman, Jr.
GEORGE GUNDERMAN, JR Major, 0-1289071, QMC

LEWIS A. McAMIS, Capt 0-1543042, MSC/QMC

ALLAN L. LAWSON, Capt. 0-1288075, QMC

s/ John A. Boutin
JOHN A. BOUTIN, 2/Lt 0-947298, QMC

A TRUE COPY:

ROBERT G. LAY Maj QMC HEADQUARTERS
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
OPERATIONS DIVISION
APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable

TO: Non-Recoverable Board, AGRC

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

NAMES: See attached roster

ORGANIZATION: See OQMG Forms 371

DATE OF DEATH: See attached roster

PLACE OF DEATH: See OQMG Forms 3'71

SYNOPSIS: The casualties listed on attached roster are reported by official records as Missing in Action or Killed in Action during ground operations in the department of Meurthe-et-Moselle, France, from the period 7 September through 3 December 1944. Extensive area searches as well as individual investigations 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 Meurthe-et-Moselle, have been conducted in the course of search operations for all losses, both recovered and unrecovered. The terrain of the Meurthe-et-Moselle department, consists of farm, pasture and forest land which has been under constant use since the cessation of hostilities, thus the possibility of undiscovered graves is remote. It can therefore only be concluded that the remains of the deceased in question were reduced by battle action to a state which precludes recovery or identification, with the exception of two men listed on attached roster who were known to have drowned and their remains never recovered. The

GROP 293.9 SUBJECT: Non-Recoverable

absence of specific information concerning their deaths, the failure of Field Investigations to provide 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 on 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 Clearence 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 Meurthe-et-Mosell, France: On file in The Office of The Quartermaster General, Washington, D. C.

2. 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 QMC

A TRUE COPY:

Maj QMC

Department of Meurthe-et-Moselle France

ROSTER TO ACCOMPANY NON-SPECIFIC BOARD FINDINGS OF NON-RECOVERABILITY

To Accompany Proceedings of Board of Review

| NAME | RANK | SERIAL NO. | DATE KIA OR MTA |
|-------------------------|------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Abel, Russell L. | S/Sgt | 6 935 342 | 20 Sep 44 |
| Bauknecht, Russell H. | Pvt | 33 812 170 | 24 Oct 44 |
| Bryan, Homer H. | Sgt | 34 192 364 | 9 Sep 44 |
| Burger, Melvin | Pfc | 32 973 686 | 26 Oct 44 |
| Chiodo, Ottovio D. | Pfc | 33 699 192 | 14 Oct 44 |
| Cruz, Tomas | S/Sgt | 38 113 574 | 24 Oct 44 |
| DeHaan, Harry R. | Pvt | 39 218 447 | 9 Nov 44 |
| Diamanti, Albert C. | Pvt | 32 868 499 | 14 Sep 44 |
| Farmer, LeRoy T. | Pvt | 33 660 024 | 11 Sep 44 |
| Gallagher, Cornelius J. | Pfc | 33 586 443 | 15 Nov 44 |
| Glazier, Bernard J. | Pvt | 36 333 128 | 9 Sep 44 |
| Gray, John P. | T/5 | 34 236 248 | 19 Sep 44 |
| Hierz, Henry | Cpl | 36 315 751 | 14 Sep 44 |
| Harris, Gus E. | Pvt | 33 577 467 | 13 Nov 44 |
| Harris, Oren C. | Pvt | 35 756 764 | 27 Sep 44 |
| Horner, Robert B. | Pvt | 35 760 587 | 18 Sep 44 |
| Kellar, Herbert C. | T/5 | 36 589 323 | 4 Nov 44 |
| Kjems, Henry R. | Sgt | 39 175 674 | 24 Nov 44 |
| Klinger, Randall | T/5 | 33 162 614 | 7 Sep 44 |
| Lewis, Jack H. | Sgt | 32 253 215 | 9 Sep 44 |
| McGuire, Charles T. | Pfc | 33 158 351 | 21 Sep 44 |
| Morgan, Louie F. | Sgt | 7 005 037 | 3 Dec 44 |
| O'Connor, Edward J. | Pvt | 12 057 133 | 7 Sep 44 |
| O'Neal, William L. | Pvt | 39 244 999 | 25 Sep 44 |
| Pescik, Albin J. | Pvt | 31 274 929 | 17 Nov 44 |
| Piantoni, Michael E. | Pvt | 39 620 659 | 18 Sep 44 |
| Polifka, Peter | Pvt | 33 172 569 | 9 Sep 44 |
| Rich, Lawrence W. | Pfe | 37 233 142 | 15 Nov 44 |
| Scott, Andrew J. | Cpl | 6 658 123 | 18 Sep 44 |
| Wallace, Florian | Pfc | 35 475 026 | 9 Sep 44 |
| Wertz, Eldore W. | Cpl | 36 231 899 | 30 Sep 44 |
| Westcott, Godfrey C. | Pvt | 31 337 874 | 21 Sep 44 |
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The Roster received from Field Board is filed in the 293 file of Abel, Russell L., S/Sgt., ASN 6 935 342.

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

15 November 1950

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4. PAC, Ltr., WD-AGO-S 293.9, dtd 9 Apr 47, Subject: MEstablishment 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. MULVANITY, 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.

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(Meurthe-et-Moselle) 5490

HEADQUARTERS
AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN AREA
APO 58 U S ARMY

7 December 1949

NARRATIVE OF INVESTIGATION

I. AUTHORITY AND MATTERS INVESTIGATED:

Pursuant to instructions Chief, Isolated Burials Section, investigation was conducted at Maizieres and vicinity, in an effort to recover the remains of Tec 5 KLINGER, Randall, 33162614, and Pvt O'CONNOR, Edward G., 12057133.

II. FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES:

According to available information, Pvt O'Connor and Tec 5 Klinger became MIA the 7 September 1944, in the vicinity of Maizieres. They were both members of the 40th Tank Battalion, Klinger Company "D", and O'Connor Company "A". In the statements of witnesses, Tec 5 Klinger's tank did not burn, but Pvt O'Connor's did. All other crew members escaped.

III. FINDINGS:

Proceeded first to Maizieres, where Mr Cordier, Paul, Town Hall Secretary, informed the investigator that there were neither tanks destroyed nor American soldiers killed in the territory of the commune during the combat which took place between the 3 and the 15 September 1944.

At Xeuilley, the secretary of the Mayor, stated that, to the best of her knowledge, there were no tanks hit and no soldiers killed at Xeuilley duting the combat which took place in the region of Xeuilley. He further declared that the Armored Battalion came from Colombey along route No 74 towards Maizieres and not from Pierrevillers.

As the armored attack was centered on Fort St Blaise which is partly in the territory of Bainville-sur-Madon and partly in that of Pont St Vincent, inquiries were made at both these towns.

At Bainville, Mme Mamelle, Secretary of the Town Hall, stated that, to the best of her knowledge, no tanks were

knocked out in the territory of the commune or at Fort Sainte Barbe which was the object of the attack of the 7-8- September. The fort in question is on a hill which is completely cultivated. It is used at present as a center for civilian glider clubs and has been thoroughly visited by the local population.

Contact was then made with Mr Chalin, Georges, living at Pont St Vincent. Mr Chalin was Chief of the F.F.I. in this region at the time of the liberation. He related that he was at Pont St Vincent where the American troops arrived and prepared to cross the Moselle. He made with the advance elements among which was a lieutenant who had been parachuted in a short time before (probably 0.S.S.) who spoke perfect French. He informed this lieutenant that it was impossible to cross the Moselle at Pont St Vincent as the Germans had destroyed the bridge. This officer alerted the advancing Armored Battalion by radio which deviated through Keuilley and crossed the Moselle at Flavigny where there was considerable resistance. In the region of Pont St Vincent, Mr Chalin claims, only three Americans were killed, all of whom were identified and evacuated. All three were part of a motorized unit, not armored. He further states that an armored column may have deviated from Maizieres towards Viterne and Villey-Le-Sec, but that he had no knowledge of it. He certifies finally that there remain no abandoned tanks of any kind in the communes of Pont St Vincent, Maizieres, Viterne or Frolois. All war material has long since been removed.

Then proceeded to the Town Hall of Viterne where the Mayor declared that during the combat of September 1944 no tanks were hit in the territory of the commune.

A visit was then made to the farm Guime, which is located in the forest of Jure between Maizieres and Villey-Le-Sec. There, Mme Guime declared that there were no tanks knocked out in the woods. She had been present during combat and would be aware of the presence of a tank in the region.

At Flavigny-sur-Moselle, the Secretary, Mme Francin, declared that all the war material, including tanks, had been removed for scrap.

The investigator then proceeded to Velle where another crossing of the Moselle had been made. As neither the Mayor nor the Secretary were present, interrogation was made of Mr Franc, Lucien, shepherd. He declared that as far as he knew, no tanks were destroyed in the region during the combat of September 1944. Being very familiar with the locality, he

was able to certify that there were no abandoned tanks in the fields.

The last person to be interrogated, was Mr Mougenot, Charles, scrap dealer at Neuves Maisons who informed the investigator that he had recuperated two tanks from Villey-Le-Sec and that there were no more there. He had not found any remains in the tanks which have since been cut up for scrap.

IV. CONCLUSION:

To begin with, no tanks were ever hit in the immediate region of Maizieres. However, there was considerable armored movement in the region and Maizieres was the focal point. In reconstructing the course of the unit, it has been learned that they followed route No 74 from the direction of Colombey towards Maizieres. There they broke off in at least two directions, one column taking Fort Ste Barbe at Pont St Vincent, and the other striking at Flavigny in the crossing of the Moselle. Crossing were also made at Velle and Villey-Le-Sec. The whole action took place between the 3 and the 18 of September. The investigator followed the path of each of these attacks and in every case, where there was tank combat, the tanks had already been removed by scrap-dealers. However, there is no doubt that it was in this area that Tec 5 Klinger and Pvt O'Connor met death. As Tec 5 Klinger's tank did not burn it is considered highly improbable that a scrap-dealer would have ignored the remains recovered. As all previous unknown checks have been made in the region of Maizieres-les-Metz, it is evident that no association could have been made.

V. RECOMMENDATION:

That a thorough check be made of unknown recovered from the triangular area between Toul, Pont St Vincent and Velle.

Howard & Ephraim
HOWARD E. EPHRAIM
HQS AGRC Reg. Div.
IBS Investigator

Meurthe Moselle 5490

STATEMENT

I the undersigned CORDIER Paul, school teacher, Mayor's secretary at Maizieres-les-Toul, certify that to my knoweldge, there does not exist any disabled American tanks or American body in the territory of the commune during the combat which took place from the 3 rd of September to the 15 of September 1944.

The 5 December 1949 S/ CORDIER

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Certified a true translation

eau Lauray Jean LAURAIN Investigator IBS

Meurthe et I elle 5490

Commune de Keuilley

I the undersigned secretary of the town hall at Keuilley, certify that to my knowledge, there were not any American tanks disabled or American soldiers killed during the combat of September 1944, in the territory of the commune. The attack by armored troops took the direction Colombey, Pont-Saint-Vincent, but were not coming from Pierreville.

Xeuilley 5 December 1949

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edu Derran Jean LAURAIN Investigator IBS

Bainville-sur-Madon 5 december 1949

I the undersigned Mr. L. MAMELLE, Mayor's secretary at Bainville- suf- Mandon, declare that to my knowledge, there were not any American tanks abandonned or American soldiers killed in the territory of the commune.

Fort Ste-Barbe, whichwas the subject of the attack of the 7 and 8 september 1944, was visited.

The glider center is back in activity.

S/MAMELLE

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I the undersigned CHALIN, Georges, residing at Pont-saint-

Vincent, Chief of underground forces declare:

I was at Pont-Saint-Vincent when the American troops entered the town and prepared to cross the Moselle river on the bridge. I contacted the advanced elements of the army of which a lieutenant recently parachuted. I informed this officier that he could not cross the Moselle river due to the fact the bridge was blown up. The officier then contacted by radio the armored group which was following him and made this armored column which was progressing towards Maizieres, deviate to the direction of Keuilley and later Flavigny where the resistance took place.

In the Pont-Saint-Vincent area them was no resistance to the American advance. I can certify that from what I heard from an American officier, there were three soldiers killed. These men were identified and belonged to motorized outfits not to

a tank outfit.

It is possible that an armored column left Viterne towards Toul through the forest although I never was informed of that fact.

It then could be possible that a tank had been hit in the forest between the localities Viterne and Viller le Sec, but certainly out of the territory of Vitterne and beyond the farm Guime. It would be advisable to conduct searches in that direction, out of the trritory of Viterne, St Vincent, Maizieres and Frolois.

There is not any more American equipment in the above

mentioned towns.

All tanks and other equipment was recovered.

G. CHALIN

Certified a true translation.

JEAN LAURAIN
Investigator

IBS

Viterne 5 december 1949

The undersigned mayor of Viterne certifies that in september 1944 during the progressing of the american troops, no tank was abandoned or disabled in the territory of the commune.

The 5 december 1949
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Low Eduracian Investigator

IBS

Statement

I the undersigned GUIME Berthe, declare that to the best of my knowledge, no tank was hit in the forest (Bois de Jure) between Viterne and Villey-le-Sec. My farm is located in the center of the forest and I was not evacuated during the liberation combat.

Signed at farm GUIME territory of Sesey les Forges on the 7th of december 1949

Certified a true translation

GUIME Berthe

Yean Laurain Investigator IBS

Flavigny-sur-Moselle 7 december 1949

I the undersigned FRANCIN Marguerite, mayor's secretary, declare that to my knowledge, there is no American tank left in the territory of the commune.

s/FRANCIN

Certified a true translation

Jean Laurain Investigator IBS

7 december 1949

I the undersigned FRANC Lucien, shepherd, residing at VELLE declare that to the best of my knowledge there was not any american tank disabled in the territory of the commune during the combat of the liberation.

I am familiar with the area in the vicinity of Velle and I know that there does not exist any debris of tanks in this area.

s/FRANC

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Jean Laurain Investigator IBS

> 7 december 1949 Neuve-Maisons.

I the undersigned MOUGENOT Charles, scrap dealer declare I have recovered two american tanks from the town VILLEY-LE-SEC. There were not any human remains inside the tanks and I certify that there is not any more war equipment in the territory of VILLEY.

s/MOUGENOT

Certified a true translation

Jean Laurain Investigator IBS CASE HISTORY

UNKNOWN NO. X-6010 U.S.MILITARY CEMETERY ST. Avold, France

Unknown X-6010 was recovered from a tank near Maizeres les Metz, (Moselle)

France. The tank was marked 7th Army, 40th

Armored Tank Bn, B-18. There were also Machine gun numbers found with the tank. There are still seven (7) unresolved casualties

from the 50th Tank Bn. in the Metz zrea to be accounted for. Markings on the tank indicate Company "B". No casualties could be found from this company, although there are still casualties from Companies "A" and "D".

Association of X-6010 with T/5 Randall KLINGER, 33162614 has been checked with negative results. According to eye-witness statements the tank that T/5 KLINGER was driving was knocked out and did not burn. The condition of the remains of X-6010 are definitely charred and burned.

In view of the above, X-6010 is declared UNIDENTIFICELE.

M. H. KAMONS

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AMERICAN GRAVES REGISTRATION COMMAND
EUROPEAN THEATER AREA
APO 887
U S ARMY

PLM/REB/r 24 May 1946

AGRRE (St. Avold 00-5-52)

SUBJECT: Identification of Unknown X-6010 (St. Avold)

TO: The Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.

- 1. Reference is made to Report of Burial, with accompanying documents, forwarded under our Letter of Transmittal #1883, for Unknown American X-6010, interred in U. S. Military Cemetery, St. Avold, France, in Plot 00, Row 5, Grave 52.
- 2. According to the Report of Investigation-Area Search, subject deceased was removed from an American tank, USA #3883676-S, assigned to the 7th Armd. Div., 40th Tank Bn., Company "B". There exists the possibility that the Company designation was incorrectly reported and should have been "D", and that X-6010 is KLINGER, Randall, T/5, ASN 33162614, of that Organization.
- 3. It is requested that the three (3) surviving members of T/5 Klinger's tank crew listed below be interrogated in an effort to determine whether they can identify the tank in which the remains of X-6010 were found as the same tank which T/5 Klinger was driving when last reported:

FARRIS, William C. Sgt. ASN 37180418 SHUDA, William E. Sgt 32264738 LETO, Salvatore Pvt 32246283

4. It is requested, further, that this Headquarters be advised of the results of your investigation.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

(Signed)
PAUL L. McGRILLIS,
Major Inf
Actg.Asst.Adj.Genl.

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GRAVES REGISTRATION COMPANY FIRST MOBILE BIVOUAC UNIT METZ, FRANCE

SUBJECT: NARRATIVE REPORT OF AREA SEARCH

On 25 March 1946 our Search Team searched the area of Maiziere Les Metz. There were no isolated American Graves in the Area. We were making a special effort to locate the remains of T/5 KLINGER, Rendall 33k 33162614, who was listed on CCP 879. We found that there was a tank knocked out just outside of town USA #3883676-s which believe is the tank in which T/5 KLINGER was killed. We examined the tank and found the charred remains of a body, which we believe to be that of the missing soldier. Statements were taken from the civilians who knew anything about the action (see attached). Everything agrees with the information contained in the CCP.

(Signed)
T/5 Walter Kohute
3049th G.R.Co.

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AG 201 Klinger, Randall 33162614 (5 May 50)

LML/mmh/1D667/10268

5 May 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Review of Circumstances Surrounding the Disappearance of Tec 5 Randall Klinger.

- 1. ETO Casualty Shipment No 195 reported that Tec 5 Randall Klinger, Co D, 40th Tank Bn, was missing in action in France on 7 September 1944. Under the provisions of Section 5, Missing Persons Act, a Finding of Death was issued for Technician Fifth Grade Klinger, setting the presumed date of his death as 8 September 1945. (SR&D No 4025)
- 2. Missing Report, dated 19 September 1944, states that Klinger was reported missing in action on 7 September 1944 following his departure from Pierrevillers, France, on a route reconnaissance mission to Maizieres located in eastern France near the Swiss border. The report contains the following resume of the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of Tec 5 Klinger:

"The Platoon was enroute to Maizieres on Route Rcn when we were attacked by Bazookas and snipers. The tank which T/5 Klinger was driving was knocked out but did not burn. A successful attempt was made to rescue the other three crew members and as sniper fire was so intense and German infantry in force to prevent us from looking into the tank as Klinger made no attempt to get out. Since that time the enemy has moved into that area in greater force preventing any further attempt to gain information of his condition or whereabouts."

The following statement by the tank commander was also included in the report:

"As tank commander of the tank that was knocked out and in which T/5 Klinger was the driver the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge."

3. No report that Tec 5 Klinger was a prisoner of war has been received from any source, and a search of captured German records revealed no mention of Klinger. The Office of The Quartermaster General has no burial report for Klinger on file at this time.

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4. Inasmuch as no information is furnished as to the length of time the tank was under observation to be certain Tec 5 Klinger did not leave the tank, the possibility exists that he was merely wounded and that he died at a later date while a prisoner of war, and, consequently, the date and manner of his death cannot be determined from the information available. Issuance of a report of death is not justifiable, therefore, under the provisions of Section 9 of the Missing Persons Act.

Lulu May Lybrook Investigator CONCUR:

N. B. STARR
Captain, AGD
Asst OIC, Det & Rev Unit
Casualty Section
PA Branch, AGO

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Submitted herewith is all the available information obtained from Casualty files, Casualty Branch, AGF Historical files, Operations Report, DPRB 201 file, pertaining to Pvt. Edward G. O'Connor, 12057133 and T/5 Randall Klinger, 33162611.

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STATEMENT OF WITNESSES, IF ANY:

As Tank Commander of the Tank that was knocked out and in which T/5 Klinger was the driver. The above statement is True & correct to the best of my knowledge.

s/William E. Schuder, Sgt. 32264738

REMARKS: (Any information not covered above, including details and results of search, if any, conducted)

All personal effects of the entire crew with the exception of the duffle bags were lost on the disabled vehicle.

Date of Report 19 Sept. 1944

WALTER J. HUGHES Capt., 0-1011243 Co. Commander. s/ Clarence W. Bain 1st Lt. 0-1011103 (Signature of preparing officer) Platoon Leader

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COMPANY "D" 40TH TANK BATTALION

22 September 1944

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I certify that a search has been made for the personal effects of Tec 5 Klinger, Randall 33 162 614, this organization and the same could not be located. In making this search, information received from persons who were in the vicinity where the above soldier was missing in action makes me believe his personal effects were destroyed by fire or captured by the enemy.

/s/ Walter J. Hughes
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Klinger, Randall 33162614 T/5 Physical at time of induction 13 mar. 1942 Race - White Beligion - Prot. Born - 24 aug, 1919
Place - Steelton, Pa. Hgf. - 5'13/4" Wgf. - 143
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AG 704 - Dead (8 Sep 45) S. R. & D. No. 4025

8 September 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Casualty Branch

SUBJECT: Review and Determination of Status under the Missing Persons Act

I. - FACTS

1. The following named soldier of Company "D", 40th Tank Battalion, has been carried on War Department records as missing in action, not in flying pay status, in France, since 7 September 1944, as reported by ETO Shipment No. 195:

File 293/

Name

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Grade

Klinger, Randall

33,162,614

Technician Fifth Grade

2. A "Missing Report" dated 19 September 1944, filed in the subject soldier's AG 201 file shows that he became missing in action 7 September 1944 following his departure from Pierrevillers, France, on a route reconnaissance mission to Maizieres located in eastern France near the Swiss border. The report contains the following "BRIEF RESUME OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING DISAPPEARANCE:

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Since that time the enemy has moved into that area in greater force preventing any further attempt to gain information of his condition or whereabouts."

3. The "Missing Report" also contains the following witness' statement concerning the "Resume of Circumstances" quoted above:

"As tank commander of the tank that was knocked out and in which T/5 Klinger was the driver the above statement is true & correct to the best of my knowledge."

S. R. & D. No. 4025

4. An examination of the files of the subject soldier in Casualty Branch and Enlisted Branch, AGO, and the index in the Prisoner of War Information Bureau, PMGO, fails to reveal any further information relevant to this review.

II. - CONCLUSIONS

- 1. Technician Fifth Grade Randall Klinger, the soldier whose status is herein under consideration, became missing in action when the tank in which he was a crew member was disabled by enemy gunfire in the vicinity of Maizieres, France. The tank did not burn and the other three members of its crew were successfully rescued. However, enemy activity prevented the rescue party from looking inside the disabled vehicle and as the subject soldier made no apparent attempt to extricate himself, it was necessary that he be left to his fate. Before any further attempt could be made to gain information as to the subject soldier's conditions or whereabouts, the area passed temporarily into enemy hands.
- 2. In view of the foregoing facts and circumstnaces, together with the fact that no report has been received in the War Department during the twelve months which have elapsed since the inception of the subject person's missing in action status indicating that he is aliwe, it is concluded that he may not freasonably be presumed to be living within the meaning of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act.

III. - RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that a finding of death be made under the provisions of Section 5 of the Missing Persons Act in the case of Technician Fifth Grade

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S. R. & D. No. 4025

Randall Klinger, 33,162,614, and that this finding show the presumed date of death to be 8 September 1945.

Investigator

Captain, AGD

CONCURREDIN:

APPROVED:

JOHN T. BURNS
Lieutenant Colonel, AGD
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HEADQUARTERS 40th TANK BATTALION A.P. 0 #257, U. S. Army

AFTER ACTION REPORT

2. Operations:

- a. 00011 September 44 to 13452 September 44:
 - 1. 40th Tank Battalion less Companies "B" and "D" attached: 489th FA Bn, A/48th Inf. 1 platoon, a/814th TD Bn, 1 platoon, A/33rd Engineers.

Outposted Verdun and pretected bridge crossing over Meuse River. Approximately three (3) enemy bombers attacked at $23\phi\phi$. Casualties - three (3) killed, 14 wounded, no vehicles.

- b. 13452 September 44 to 1330 6 September:
- 1. 40th Tank Battalion less Companies "B" and "D".
 attached: 489th FA Bn., a/48th Inf., 1 platoon A/814th TD Bn.
 1 platoon A/33rd Engineers.

Moved to bivouac area vicinity of Bras, France. Personal hygiene, care and cleaning of clothing and equipment and first echelon maintenance was performed. Casualties-none.

- c. 133\$6 September 44 to 1\$\$\$\$7 September 44:
- 1. 40th Tank Battalion less Companies "B" and "D".
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 1 platoon A/33rd Engineers.

Moved from vicinity of Bras, France east through Verdun, Etain toward Metz. Strong enemy resistance met at St Privat. AT guns, automatic weapons, bazookas, riflemen, mines and road blocks in the form of craters and thees were well coordinated. Infantry closedly supported by tanks and artillery overcame their resistance by 1007 September 44. Casualties-3 Enlisted Men killed, 1 Enlisted man missing in action, 1 Officer and 10 enlisted men wounded in action, 3 medium tanks (one by mines and two by AT guns) and one 105MM Assault gun (by mines)

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Moved from St Privat, France to the northeast, toward the Moselle Riv River and halted in the vicinity of Silvange, France because of heavy artillery and mortar fire. Remained in this position receiving fire periodically. The 40th Tank Battalion except S-3 half-track and Company "C" remained in this area until \$6\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$September 44 under periodical fire. Casualties- 1 Enlisted Man killed, 3 Enlisted Men wounded 3 Medium tanks (one by bazooka fire and two by AT guns), 1 light tank (bazooka)

e. 18008 September 44 to 090010 September 44:

1. Task force - S-3 halftrack, C/40th Tank Battalion, 489th
TA Bn., and Company "A" 48th Infantry Battalion.

Moved from vicinity of Silvange to position west of Roncourt with mission of assisting 1st Bn., 2nd Infantry attacked from the southwest from the vicinity of Nabonville. The attack was launched at 13159 September 44 but was stopped by extremely heavy AT and artillery fire. At least part of AT guns and artillery were located in strong concrete fortifications and emplacements which surround the city of Metz. Casualties-1 Enlisted Man killed 7 Enlisted Men missing in action, 1 Officer and 8 Enlisted Men wounded in action, 6 medium tanks (AT guns).

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1. Task force - S-3 halftrack, Company "C" 40th Tank Battalion 489th FA Bn., A/48th Armored Infantry Battalion.

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KLINGER, Randall
O'CONNOR, Edward G.

Companies "A" and "D"

Missing and Killed in action

T/5 33.162 614 (Co. "D")

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40th Tank Battalion

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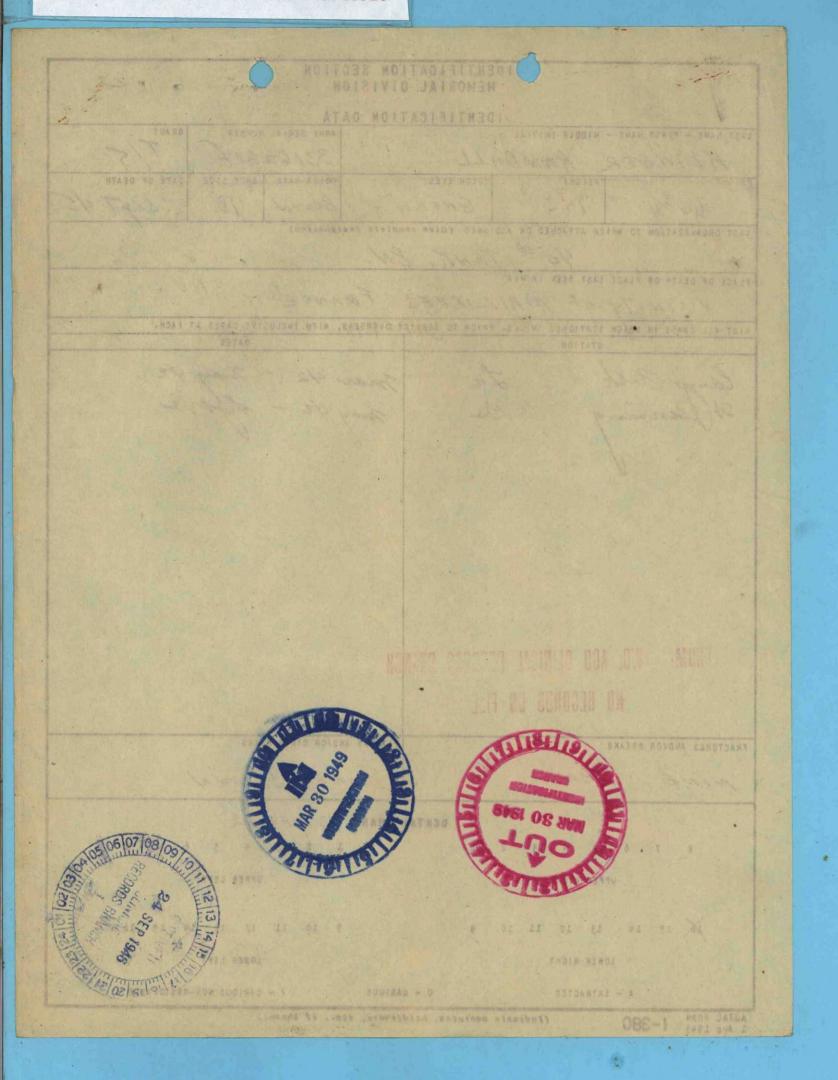
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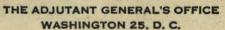


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FINDING OF DEATH OF MISSING PERSON

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 Technicial Fifth Grade Randall Klinger, Army Serial Number 33,162,614, Infantry,

to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the 7th day of September194 4. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the 8th day of September, 1945.

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ADJUTANT GENERAL CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

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Circumstances of Disappearance: Soldier became missing in action when the tank in which he was a crew member was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire in the vicinity of Maizieres, France.

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