

INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE

STANDRIDGE, WENDELL F. 35927044 FRANCE HORSESHOE WOODS

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Date: 3 Feb 98

MEMORANDUM FOR TAPC-PED-F

SUBJECT: FOIA Request/ MON Log # 2-35

- 1. Attached is a FOIA request for the IDPF information as indicated in enclosure 1.
- 2. Please complete attached DD Form 2086, Record of Freedom of Information (FOI) Processing Cost Sheet (encl 2), according to instructions on reverse of form, and return with your reply.
- 3. Request you provide documents/information upon which to base a reply to this office by suspense date indicated above.

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ROBERT DICKERSON

Freedom of Information and Privacy Act Officer

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Dear Diro:

1-28-98

have hit a brick wall u Check fiche ands grandfather; Dean find Low, 35927044 im.

Wendell Frederick Standrioge
last known address: akron, Ohio
served WWII (Sept 10,1944)
died on a river in France while in
service (I was told in army)
I don't know what his rank was,
or his unit. I do know he reciered

on his unit. I do know he recieved a medal, (correction: his family did).

Levould appreciate any who you can give mean where he is buried.

Thank you

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MEMORIALIZATION OF NON-RECOVERABLE REMAINS OF WORLD WAR II

THIS FILE HAS BEEN AUDITED FOR NON-RECOVERABILITY

NAME (Last, Pirst, Middle)

STANDRIDGE NENDEL F

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SERIAL NUMBER

35-927044

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Standridge, Wendell F. Pvt 35 927 044 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. INITIALS OF ANALYST INITIALS OF ANALYST (CROSS OUT THOSE NOT APPLICABLE) 2. a. REPORT OF DEATH b. FINDING OF DEATH 1. 293 FILE OF SUBJECT(S) C. STATUS REVIEW & DETERMINATION A - Z FILE OF KNOWN INTERMENTS IN 3. U.S. MILITARY CEMETERIES, ISOLATED GEOGRAPHICAL CLUE INDEX FILE OF UNKNOWNS RECOVERED LOCATIONS, AND SEA BURIALS FROM APPROPRIATE AREA 5. TO BE" AND TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED UNKNOWNS ALPHABETICAL FILE OF FORMER UN-KNOWNS NOW IDENTIFIED 7. OTHER DOCUMENTS OR SOURCES None

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

Missing in action 10 September 1944 in the vicinity of Dornot, France

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HEADQUARTERS 387 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHM 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.

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s/ Allan L. Lawson,	
ALLAN L. LAWSON, Capt, 0-1288075, QMC	ROBERT W. GANSEL, 1/Lt,)-1599085, QMC
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Addabro, 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
Bulin, 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.	1/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, Woolrow W.	Pfc	39 604 664	23 Nov 44
Harris, Ralph (JMI)	Pvt	36 024 001	11 Sep 44
Hatch, Stewar H.	Pfc	31 301 636	1 Jan 45
Hayslett, Chanton F.	T/5	15 056 320	24 Nov 44
Hill, Edgar	Pvt	31 269 360	8 Sep 44
Holl, Ri 'ard L.	Pfc	35 064 223	31 Dec 44
Hunt, Orvilla (WMI)	Pfc	16 006 889	9 Sep 44
Johnson, Ervin N	Pfc	35 896 040	10 Nov 44
Johnson, Rodger &.	Pvt	34 875 393	18 Sep 44
Keeley, Thomas 7	Pfc	33 592 142	10 Nov 44
	Pfc	36 228 224	10 Sep 44
Kiger, Earl W.	Pvt	42 082 759	10 Sep 44
Knotts, Herbert C.	Cpl		
Krepfia, Jerry J.	Pfc	32 796 241	10 Oct 44
Lalopa, Frank (NMI)	Pvt	32 736 269	9 Sep 44
Laskowski, Anthony A.	Pfc	33 844 226	10 Oct 44
Lloyd, Maurice E.		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
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Nash, Willie G.	100		34 899		8 Sep 44
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Pfeiffer, Albert J.					
Pollard, Oscar		Pfc	35 681		10 Oct 44
Ponsone, John (NMI)	1	Pfc	34 192	303	10 Sep 44
Pruitt, Orval B.	I	Pvt	38 440	765	24 Nov 44
Pulkas, Walter W.		Pvt	36 456		1 Jan 45
		Pvt .	20 229		13 Dec 44
Richter, Herbert R.					
Risoli, Samuel G.		S/Sgt	32 112		19 Sep 44
Roelfs, Harm A.		Pvt	36 058		25 Sep 44
Rosa, Dominio T.		Pvt	31 440		26 Sep 44
Ruffolo, "ennie (NM)	1)	Pvt	36 214	242	10 Sep 44
Santas John C.		Cpl	19 133		21 Dec 44
Santos, John C.		Pfc	36 227		11 Sep 44
Schlamp, Raymond U.					
Schue, George E.		Pfc	33 843		17 Nov 44
Shenk, Charles W.		S/Sgt	33 154		20 Sep 44
Siple, Clayton L.		Pfc	36 168	398	13 Jan 45
Skaar, Robert L.		Pvt	36 845		10 Mar 45
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Slankard, Evan (NMI					
Slinkard, Von O.		Pfc	37 607		28 Dec 44.
Smith, Albert A.		Pvt	6 277		16 Oct 44
Smith, Ira L.		Sgt	37 213	150	18 Nov 44
Smith, James S.		T/Sgt	6 985	951	11 Sep 44
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Smolinski, Lec E.		T/Sgt			10 Sep 44
Spear, Harold H.		Pyt	36 103		
Standridge, wendell	F.		35 927		10 Sep 44
Sullivan, John P.		Pfc	32 847		5 Sep 44
Taylor, Joseph W.		Pfc	34 573		21 Sep 44
Tew, Charles R:	Mr. Committee	Pvt	34 912	164	12 Nov 44
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Williams, Evan (NMI)	S/Sgt	6 393		19 Sep 44
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Wright, James E.		1/Lt	0 402		10 Sep 44
Young, John F.		Pfc	37 516		10 Mar 45
Zahradnik, Henry E.		Pfc	32 605	630	10 Oct 44
Zalac, Michael J.,	Jr.	Sgt	36 813		10 Sep 44
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The Roster Received from Field Board is filed in 293 File of ADDABBO, Joseph J., Pvt, 32 847 803.

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

GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non Recoverable Remains

TO: Non Recoverable Board, AGRO

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

The casualties listed on attached roster are re-SYNOPSIS: ported 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

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 Werld War II Pead 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 QMC

A TRUE COPY:

ROBERT C: LAY
Maj QMC

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 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. 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:

A TRUE COPY:

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

ROBERT 6. LAY

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

FINAL REPORT

DATE 23 June 1950

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*Benef. continued: Mrs. Bathony Standridge, mother, Road Number Two, Kent, Ohio Mr. Walter Lucias Standridge, father, Road Number Two, Kent, Ohio

Finding of Death has been issued previously under Section 5, Public Law 490, 7 March 1942, as amended, showing presumed date of death as 11 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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AG 704 Dead (18 May 50)

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18 May 50

MEMORANDUM TO: Officer in Charge, Casualty Section,

Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

SUBJECT:

Report of Death

1. The following named persons, Infantry, members of Company F, 11th Infantry Regiment were reported missing in action, not in flying or jump pay status, in France on 10 September 1944 by ETO Shipment Numbers 201 and 206, and presumed dead as of 11 September 1945 under the provisions of Section 5, Missing Persons Act (SR&D No. 4042).

Wirtz, Matthew
Standridge, Wendell F. Pvt 35927044

Matthew Wirtz are duplicate missing Reports, dated 23 September 1944, signed by Captain K.C. Doty, Personnel Officer 11th Infantry. These reports reveal that Lieutenant Wirtz departed Dornot, France on 8 September 1944 on a mission to establish a bridgehead across the Moselle River. The intended destination was Fort Saint Blaise. Lieutenant Wirtz was last known to be in the Moselle River on the night of 10 September 1944 under the following circumstances as described in the reports:

"Brief Resume of Circumstances Surrounding Disappearance:

When ordered to withdraw from the bridgehead, it was necessary for some personnel to swim across the Moselle River to the West Bank.

"Statements of Witnesses, If any: lst Lt Wirtz was heard by Sgt M.Wm Smith to call for help when he (Lt Wirtz) had swum about half way across the river. Due to extreme darkness, it was impossible to judge Lt wirtz's exact position when he called for help."

a. Filed in the Casualty Section file of Private Standridge is a Missing report dated 23 September 1944, signed by Captain K. C. Doty, Personnel Officer llth Infantry. The report is substantially the same as the Missing Report on Lieutenant Wirtz, the other subject person. The report shows that Private Standridge departed Dornot, France on 8 September 1944 with Company F, llth Infantry to establish a bridgehead across the Moselle River and the intended destination was Fort Saint Blaise, France. The report further shows that Private Standridge

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was last seen entering the Moselle River on the night of 10 September 1944 when Company F was ordered to withdraw from the bridgehead. The following "Remarks" appear on the report:

"A search of the area around the river was made the following day but Pvt. Standridge could not be found. A check was also made with the Aid station and they had no record of having evacuated Pvt. Standridge."

- 3. The captured German documents contain no information relative to the subject persons, nor do the files of the Memorial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General contain any burial information, at the present, on them.
- 4. The fourth indorsement, dated 18 April 1945, from Headquarters 11th Infantry Regiment, in reply to a letter from this office, relative to Technical Sergeant James S. Smith, 6,985,951, Company G, 11th Infantry, who was on the same mission as the subject persons, gives the width of the river as 100 yards, depth 10 feet and swiftness of current 15 to 20 miles per hour (file reference AG 201 Smith, James S. 6985951, 23 Mar 45)
- 5. The subject persons were members of Company F, 11th Infantry Regiment which departed Dornot, France on 8 September 1944 to establish a bridgehead across the Moselle River on the east bank, about three quarters of a mile east of Dornot, France. The 11th Infantry was under constant enemy artillery and small arms fire and their positions becoming untenable they were ordered to withdraw to the west bank of the Moselle River, under cover of darkness, on the night of 10 September 1944. The records indicate that some of the men had to swim the river due to a scarcity of boats. The river at this point was 100 yards wide with a current running 15 to 20 miles per hour. Lieutenant Wirtz was seen to enter the river and swim about half way across when he was heard to eall for help. Private Standridge was seen to enter the river to swim to the west bank. Due to the extreme darkness the subject soldiers were not seen after entering the river. When the organization was mustered on the morning of 11 September 1944 the subject persons were missing and search for them was futile. The captured German records contain no information of Lieutenant Wirtz or Private Standridge. Nothing has been seen or heard of them since. Considering the above facts and the lapse of time it is reasonable to believe that they died in their attempt to swim the river.
- 6. 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 personnel named in paragraph one, above, Infantry,

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were killed in action, not in flying or jump pay status, on 10 September 1944 while attempting to swim the Moselle Rivernear Dornot, France. 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 11 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."

This memorandum will be routed to Operating Unit for notification and processing. Station of deceased and place of death: ETO

R: Soldenn Maj AGD N. B. STARR

Captain, AGD

Asst. OIC, Det. & Rev. Unit Casualty Section, AGO

APPROVED. Recommended action will be taken.

BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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OIC, Casualty Section

Personnel Actions Branch, AGO

Copy furnished: OQMG, Mem. Div. AG 201 file

Source material obtained as a result of this investigation is filed in the AG 201 file of the first name listed in par. 1, unless otherwise indicated.

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

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 Private Wendell F. Standridge, Army

Serial Number 35,927,044, Infantry, to be dead. He was officially reported as missing in action as of the of September 194 4. For the purposes stated in said Act, death is presumed to have occurred on the day of September, 1945. 11 th

> BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF ADJUTANT GENERAL

CHIEF, CASUALTY BRANCH

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* Alternate Beneficiaries:

Mrs. Bathony Standridge (Mother)

Mr. Walter Lucias Standridge (Father)

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Kent, Ohio

Circumstances of Disappearance: Soldier failed to rejoin his company following its withdrawal from a bridgehead across the Moselle River in France.

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INDIVIDUAL DECEASED PERSONNEL FILE

WILLIAMS, JAMES L. 36568028 FRANCE HORSESHOE WOODS

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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.

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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
EDWARD D. MULVANITY, Lt.Col. 0-359598, QMC	
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NAME	RANK	SERIAL NO.	DATE KIA OR MIA
Addabro, 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	I Jan 45
Bonds, Alfred B.	Pfc	42 012 457	8 Nov 44
Brazowski, Joseph (NMI)	Pfc	31 255 517	15 Mar. 45
Bulin, Edward J.	Pyt	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.	1/Lt	01 318 765	10 Sep 44
Deneen, Jerome C.	Pfc S/S-+	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 8 Feb 45
Fortuna, Andrew J.	Pfc	33 843 709 34 253 686	10 Sep 44
Foy, Lloyd (NMI)	Pvt	31 334 319	15 Mar 45
Gagnier, Camille (NMI)	Pfc Pfc	33 888 119	17 Feb 45
Garvey, Thomas F., II	Cpl	32 796 280	10 Oct 44
Gaulton, John H.	Pfc	36 052 118	8 Sep 44
Gebhards, Harry A.	Pfc	14 140 023	14 Nov 44
Goddard, Merrill J.	Pfc	31 468 492	14 Jan 45
Gopfert, Arthur C.	Pfc	32 257 356	9 Sep 44
Halloran, William F. Hamilton, Woo bow W.	Pfc	39 604 664	23 Nov 44
Harris, Ralph (AMI)	Pvt	36 024 001	11 Sep 44
Hatch, Stewart H.	Pfc	31 301 636	1 Jan 45
Hayslett, Clanton F.	T/5	15 056 320	24 Nov 44
Hill, Edgar	Pvt	31 269 360	8 Sep 44
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Hunt, Orvilla (NMI)	Pfc	16 006 889 35 896 040	9 Sep 44 10 Nov 44
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Knotts, Herbert C.	Pvt	42 082 759	10 Sep 44
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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
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Morici, Louis A.	Pvt	32 796 502	10 Oct 44
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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, Pennie (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
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Siple, Clayton L.	Pvt	36 845 252	10 Mar 45
Skaar, Robert L.	T/4	37 010 778	18 Sep 44
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Slinkard, Von O.	Pfc		16 Oct 44
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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
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HEADQUARTERS 7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT OPERATIONS DIVISION APO 757 (Liege) US ARMY

GROP 293.9

SUBJECT: Non Recoverable Remains

TO: Non Recoverable Board, AGRO

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

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. 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

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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 QMC

A TRUE COPY:

ROBERT C. LAY

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 APO 757 (LIEGE) US ARMY 15 November 1950 SPECIAL ORDERS) 139) NUMBER E-X-T-R-A-C-T *** *** *** 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. MULVANITY, 0 359 598, QMC., President MAJOR JAMES C. MacFARLAND, O 1 576 321, QMC., MAJOR GEORGE GUNDERMAN, Jr., O 1 289 071, INF/QMC., CLYDE w. STEINSIEK, O 1 040 311, QMC., CAPT LEWIS A. McAMIS, 0 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: A TRUE COPY: EDWARD F. PRICE, Jr., s/t/ QMC CAPT., Adjutant.

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AG 704 Dead (23May 50)

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23 May 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Review of Circumstances Surrounding the Disappearance of Personnel Presumed Dead

1. The following named persons Infantry, members of Company F and Company K, 11th Infantry Regiment were reported missing in action, not in flying or jump status, in France on 10 September 1944 by ETO Shipment Number 201 and presumed dead as of 11 September 1945 under the provisions of Section 5 Missing Persons Act (SR&D Case Number 4042):

	Wright, James E.	1st Lt	0402766
	Spear, Harold H.	T Sgt	36103576
	Matuszak, Thaddeus S.	Sgt	36214574
202	Williams, James L.	Pfc	36568028
17	Ruffolo, Bennie	Pvt	36214242

2. A "Missing Report", dated 23 September 1944, signed by Captain K.C. Doty, Personnel Officer 11th Infantry filed in Technical Sergeant Spear's Casualty Section file shows that he was a member of Company F, 11th Infantry and was reported missing in action on 10 September 1944. The pertinent part of the report is quoted:

"Mission: To establish bridgehead across the Moselle River.

"Point of Departure: Dornot, France." Date 8 September 1944

"Intended Destination: St. St. Blaise

"Last Known Whereabouts: Company C. P. the night of 10 September 1944.

"Brief Resume of Circumstances Surrounding Disappearance: This man was last seen at Company C. P. the night of 10 September 1944 just before withdrawal from bridgehead.

"Remarks: A search of the area was made after the withdrawal from the bridgehead but T/Sgt Spear could not be found. A check was made with the aid station to see if T/Sgt Spear had been evacuated but they had no record of having evacuated T/Sgt Spear."



AG 704 Dead (23 May 50) .a. The records indicate that First Lieutenant James E. Wright, also a member of Company F, 11th Infantry, was reported missing under the same circumstances as Sergeant Spear, although his files do not contain a "Missing Report." b. Filed in the respective AG 201 files of Sergeant Matuszak and Private First Class Williams are "Missing Reports," dated 1 October 1944, signed by Captain K.C. Doty, Personnel Officer 11th Infantry. The "Missing Reports" are the same in essential detail in each case. The report concerning Sergeant Thaddeus S. Matuszak reads in pertinent part: "Org: Co 'K', 11th Infantry "Mission: Duty w/Co. in defense of bridgehead. "Point of Departure: Bridgehead Ebb Moselle River 3/4 Mi from Dornot, France. "Intended Destination: On the East bank of the River, to recross to the West Bank, With the Company. "Last Known Whereabouts: on the east bank of the River. "Brief Resume of Vircumstances Surro unding Disappearance: Company withdrawing across river from bridgehead at night under enemy fire with scarcity of boats, many of the men swam the river. "Statement of Witnesses, If Any: Last seen at dark on the night of withdrawal. At that time he was in good health and had not been wounded. "Remarks: Search of records of aid stations failed to reveal his evacuation as wounded. Records of other organizations do not show that he turned in anywhere. No physical check of the ground has been possible." c. Filed in the AG 201 file of Bennie Ruffolo is a first indorsement, dated 10 February 1945, from Headquarters, 11th Infantry, signed by Captain K.C. Doty, 11th Infantry Personnel Officer to the Commanding General, 5th Infantry -2AG 704 Dead (23 May 50) Division, which contains the following pertinent information surrounding the disappearance of this enlisted man: "c. Private Bennie Ruffolo, Company 'K', 11th Infantry, was last seen after dark on the night of 10 September 1944 on the east bank of the Moselle River, at a point about three quarters of a mile east of the village of Dornot, France. Under constant enemy artillery and small arms fire, the temporary bridgehead established on the east bank of the river became untenable and under cover of darkness, units of our forces were disengaging and withdrawing to the east (sic) bank of the Moselle. Because of the scarcity of boats and the fierce artillery barrage raking the riverbank, a number of men attempted to swim the river. When last seen Private Ruffolo was in good health and had not been wounded. A search of records of aid stations treating casualties failed to reveal his evacuation as wounded. No physical check of the ground was possible. 3. The captured German records contain no information relative to the subject persons, nor do the records of the Memorial Division, Office of the Quartermaster General contain any burial information, at the present, on them. 4. The subject persons were members of Companies F and K, 11th Infantry Regiment which departed Dornot, France on 8 September 1944 to establish a bridgehead across the Moselle River; on the east bank about three quarters of a mile east Dornot, France. The 11th Infantry was under constant enemy artillery and small arms fire, and their positions becoming untenable they were ordered to withdraw to the west bank of the Moselle Eiver, under the cover of darkness, on the night of 10 September 1944. The records indicate that some of the men had to swim the river due to a scarcity of boats although there is no available record of any of the subject persons having attempted to swim the river. The subject persons were

last seen on the east bank of the river just prior to the evacuation to the west bank. When the organizations were mustered on the morning of 11 September 1944 they were missing. The captured German records contain no information pertaining

5. It is, therefore, concluded that the information of record in the

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to the subject persons. Nothing has been seen or heard of them since.

Department of the Army, at this time, does not conclusively establish the place, date and fact of death pursuant to the provisions of Section 9 of the

AG 704 Dead (23 May 50)

Missing Persons Act and the issuance of an official report of death is not warranted.

Walter L. Nalls Investigator

CONCUR:

N. B. STARR
Captain, AGD
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Dear Mr. Williams:

the Army Effects Bureau has received from overseas some personal effects of your son, Private First Class James L. Williams.

these effects are being forwarded to you in one package.

If, by any chance, the property has not reached you at the expiration of thirty days from this date, please notify me and tracer will be instituted.

The action of this Bureau in transmitting personal effects does not, of itself, vest title in the recipient. Such property is forwarded for distribution according to the laws of the state of the soldier's legal residence.

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

Yours very truly,

D. S. JOHNSTON 2nd Lt., CMG Chief, Adm. Division

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU Summary Court-Martial ARMY SERVICE FORCES KANSAS CITY QUARTERMASTER DEPOT 601 Hardesty Avenue Kansas City 1 Missouri

WFH:GC:chm Case No. 250977

Kansas City 1, Missouri Date 23 April SUBJECT: Report of transactions in disposing of the effects of James L. Williams late a (Name of deceased) (Army Serial Number) who died (Organization, Army or Service) day of September, 1945, at . European Area : The Adjutant General, War Department 25. Washington 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 \$______ of which the sum of \$_____ was collected. (If nothing was found due or collected, state "None"; otherwise attach itemized statement of sums owing and collected.) (Incl. none .) c. Decedent owed undisputed local creditors the sum of \$ has been paid by the Summary Court-Martial from funds of decedent. (See inclosed receipt 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 19 April 1946 , pursuant to Special Orders 228, Headquarters, KCQM Depot, dated 25 September 1943, the application or affidavit of Mr. Charles Williams 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, Mr. Charles Williams (Name of person found entitled) 429 Harriet Street State of (Number, Street or Avenue) of the (Relationship or Capacity) above-named decedent and appears to be entitled to receive his or her effects. (Signature of Summary Court Officer)

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