

293 OSTEHLUND, JOHN A. 37046443 SGT INF. EUROP AREA (IOWA) 46 tjt

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TO: **REVIEW**

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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)

OSTERLUND, JOHN A.

RANK

SGT

SERIAL NUMBER

37046443

ARM OF SERVICE

ARMY

DATE OF DEATH

23 DECEMBER 1945

AREA OF DEATH

BELGIUM

NAME OF AUDITOR

RAGSDALE

DATE

13 SEPT 51

NAME OF REVIEWER

C.M. FRAZIER

DATE

13 SEPT. 51

REMARKS

**NON-RECOVERABLE CASE
RECORD OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL**

CASE NUMBER
15369 (1)
AREA OR ZONE(S)
European

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) RANK SERIAL NUMBER
Osterlund, John A. Sgt 37 046 443

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

Individual Case

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

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

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:

None

**MAN
File**

11 SEP 1951

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Identification Branch

NAME OF CASE ANALYST
J. C. Peterson
J. C. Peterson/cwt

CASE TO BE FORWARDED TO _____
FOR CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATION TO INTERESTED PARTIES.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL		APPROVED		DATE
CASE REVIEWER, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>W. A. Wolf</i> W. A. WOLF	CHIEF, FINAL DETERMINATION SECTION <i>Mary A. Edwards</i> MARY A. EDWARDS, Capt QMC	CHIEF, IDENTIFICATION BRANCH <i>Thomas E. Cox</i> THOMAS E. COX, Maj QMC		<i>10 Sept '51</i>

15369

Nelson, Clarence H.	T/4	37 278 935
Nelson, Joseph H.	Pfc	32 131 674
Offre, Rinaldo J.	Pvt	37 564 539
Osterlund, John A.	Sgt	37 046 443
Pangle, Dudley M.	Pvt	36 669 938
Paus, Ormond W., Jr.	Pfc	39 620 006
Pile, William O.	1/Lt	0 686 489
Pinto, George J.	Sgt	32 314 394
Pitt, James M.	Pvt	35 807 297
Posillipo, Dominick	Pfc	32 610 144
Puckett, John T.	Sgt	17 082 911
Read, David A.	Pfc	35 232 803
Reeves, Bradley	Cpl	33 451 260
Ridgeway, Warren E.	S/Sgt	32 025 844
Schuerger, Andrew W.	Pfc	35 524 747
Shauvin, Eugene P.	2/Lt	0 756 333
Sito, Alphonse M.	Pfc	33 728 517
Slayton, Johnnie B.	Pfc	35 689 344
Smith, Wilmer A.	T/5	35 510 227
Snyder, Ervin C.	Pvt	37 737 578
Stapler, James C., Jr.	1/Lt	0-1 309 107
Stevens, Henry L.	S/Sgt	13 042 061
Strauss, Oscar	Pvt	31 421 264
Straw, John A.	Pfc	35 763 232
Suprek, George A.	T/5	33 117 631
Thomas, George E.	S/Sgt	6 834 871
Tolle, James R.	Pfc	35 675 639
Trandem, Marvin F.	Cpl	37 371 935
Varricchio, Michael A.	Pvt	31 362 284
Victor, Edward J.	Sgt	19 000 526
Walczak, John F.	Pfc	35 249 899
Wallace, Floyd L.	Pfc	35 604 518
Wallis, Charles G., Jr.	Pfc	18 214 559
Ward, Robert W.	2/Lt	0- 830 759
Warden, Russell L.	Pfc	34 192 235
Williams, Raymond F.	Pvt	36 959 789
Wince, Manuel B.	Sgt	35 745 025
Wurzer, Joseph M.	2/Lt	0 521 173
Yowell, Mitchell T.	Sgt	15 305 528

The Roster received from Field Board is filed in 293 file of S/Sgt William W. Allen, 13 184 989.

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

30 November 1950

Belgium

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>
Allen, William W.	S/Sgt	13 184 989
Bailey, Charles A.	Pvt	35 674 235
Bailey, James T.	Pfc	33 378 939
Baker, Robert L.	Pfc	35 225 726
Bauer, Donald R.	2/Lt	0-1 996 607
Beckwith, Jack C.	Pfc	37 550 296
Bradford, Harvey N.	Sgt	34 441 449
Brown, Edwin C.	M/Sgt	39 018 810
Brown, Ernest E.	Pvt	33 843 369
Butler, Raphael C.	Pfc	35 400 517
Clark, Leland W.	Pvt	13 135 076
Cooper, William D.	Pfc	17 145 336
Cowan, Thomas J.	S/Sgt	6 877 750
Dixon, Robert	Pvt	34 481 844
Gentry, Lester E.	2/Lt	0 678 355
Hanson, Edward E.	1/Lt	0 820 006
Harbaugh, Lloyd E.	Pfc	33 493 989
Harman, Johnie T.	Pvt	38 532 392
Hayes, John W.	Pfc	38 691 665
Holloway, L. O., Jr.	2/Lt	0-1 317 633
Houser, Donald R.	Sgt	39 280 902
Johnson, Douglas E.	Pvt	34 883 090
Johnson, Hilding R.	2/Lt	0-1 996 000
Kantz, Richard O.	Pvt	35 244 325
Khoury, George J.	Pfc	31 081 808
Lane, Roger T.	1/Lt	0 818 888
Lechon, Harold E.	Pvt	39 152 404
Lindholm, John M.	Sgt	39 826 039
Murphy, Thomas A.	1/Lt	0 765 045

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 139, Headquarters, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757, US Army, 15 November 1950, at Liege, Belgium on 30 November 1950.

2. Members present:

JAMES C. MacFARLAND, Major, QMC

C. W. STEINSIEK, Captain, QMC

JOHN A BOUTIN, 2nd Lt., QMC

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. BELGIUM.

4. FINDINGS:

a. General and/or individual Area Search and Recovery operations have been completed in the above area from May 1945 to September 1950.

b. List of persons lost in subject area whose remains are determined non-recoverable is attached as Exhibit "A". This list contains sixty-eight (68) names.

c. It has not been possible to associate definitely any of the persons listed in Exhibit "A" with any of the unknown remains recovered in the area.

d. Reference is made to OQMG Forms 371, After Action Reports, Missing Reports, Status Review and Determination Reports, Statements of Survivors and Witnesses, Narrative Reports of Field Investigations, previously forwarded: On file in the Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D. C.

Non-Recoverable Board Proceedings cont'd

e. Reference is also made to Narrative Report of Field Investigation, dated 28 September 1950: Attached.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS: That the remains of the decedents listed in Exhibit "A" be determined non-recoverable.

s/ James C. MacFarland
 JAMES C. MacFARLAND
 Major QMC
 Member

s/ C. W. Steinsiek
 C. W. STEINSIEK
 Captain QMC
 Member

s/ John A. Boutin
 JOHN A. BOUTIN
 2nd Lt. QMC
 Member

A TRUE COPY:

C. C. Wasson

C. C. WASSON
 Capt QMC

NOTE: The Narrative Report of Field Investigation, dated 28 September 1950 referred to above is filed in the 293 file of S/Sgt William W. Allen, 13 184 989. 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)
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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:

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

A TRUE COPY:

Robert S. Lay
ROBERT S. LAY
Maj QMC

E-X-T-R-A-C-T

CONTROLLED CASE

NAME OSTERLUND, John A.		GRADE Sgt	SERIAL NO. 37 046 443
DO NOT TAKE ANY ACTION ON THIS CASE OR RELEASE INFORMATION FROM THIS FILE WITHOUT THE CONCURRENCE OF:			
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IMPORTANT

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HEADQUARTERS
7687 GRAVES REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT
OPERATIONS DIVISION
APO 757 (CANTON), VA ARMY

OSTERLUND, John A. Sgt 37 046 443

27 November 1950

I. AUTHORITY

In accordance with authority contained in Investigation Directive number 537 dated 3 November 1950 Headquarters 7687 Graves Registration Detachment (Liege) search and investigation was conducted in an effort to locate the remains of Sgt John A. Osterlund, 37 046 443 as directed.

BELGIUM
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II. FINDINGS

Official records at the Town Hall failed to reveal any trace of Sgt John A. Osterlund. A search for further information was conducted in the immediate vicinity and according to the statements of Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Fayer an American tank was seen in a disabled condition approximately 200 yards from the "X" as described in a statement from a former crew member of the tank. (See sketch.) Upon the advice of American forces in the area evacuated their homes on the 10th, 17th and 18th of December 1944. Most of them returned, however, on the 23rd and 24th of December. The Hansen whose home is closest to the location where the tank was put out of action (about 40 yards) stayed in the cellar venturing out only at night for approximately three weeks. Although she saw the tank just off the road she did not see any bodies. A thorough search was conducted over an area of roughly 200 yards on either side of the road. Although there was ample evidence that both the Germans and Americans had occupied well dug in positions on the wooded side of the road the right side of the road in the direction the tank was traveling is pasture land and plowed fields. This area revealed no remains.

III. COMMENTS

In view of the fact that the tank was disabled after the tank was disabled and that it was in enemy hands it is impossible to determine the location of the Sergeant. There were no signs of the tank or the remains of the Sergeant by the Germans in the surrounding terrain.

NAN File
28 March '52
W. Bias Lt., Br.

and the fact the area was searched immediately after the tank was disabled it is recommended that no further action be taken and the case be considered closed.

/s/t/ E. W. TOWSEY
Capt. QMC

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STATION FILE

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293 Osterlund, John A.
Sgt. 37 046 443

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OSTERLUND, John

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

27 November 1950

I. AUTHORITY:

In accordance with authority contained in Investigation Directive number 532 dated 3 November 1950 Headquarters 7887 Graves Registration Detachment (Liege) search and investigation was conducted in an effort to locate the remains of Sgt John A. Osterlund, 37 046 443 as directed.

II. FINDINGS:

Official records at the Town Hall failed to reveal any trace of Sgt John A. Osterlund. A search for further information was conducted in the immediate vicinity and according to the statements of Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. Wagner and Mrs. Fayen an American tank was seen in a disabled condition approximately 200 yards from the "Y" as described in a statement from a former crew member of the tank. (See sketch.) Upon the advice of American Army authorities the population of the Prumerberg area evacuated their homes on the 16th 17th and 18th of December 1944. Most of them returned, however, on the 23rd and 24th of December. Mrs Hansen whose home is closest to the location where the tank was put out of action (about 40 yards) stayed in the cellar venturing out only at night for approximately three weeks. Although she saw the tank just off the road she did not see any bodies. A thorough search was then conducted over an area of roughly 200 yards on either side of the road. Although there was ample evidence that both the Germans and Americans had occupied well dug in positions on the wooded side of the road there was no indication of burials. The right side of the road in the direction the tank was traveling is pasture land and plowed fields. This area revealed no remains.

III. CONCLUSION:

In view of the fact that the area immediately after the tank was disabled and Sgt Osterlund seriously wounded became in enemy hands it is impossible to determine at this point the disposition of the Sergeant. There were no eyewitness as to the actions taken by the Germans in the removal of the wounded. A search of the woods and surrounding terrain proved negative.

IV. RECOMMENDATION:

Due to the paucity of available information and the fact the area was in enemy hands immediately after Sgt Osterlund was wounded it is recommended that no further action be taken and the case be considered closed.

/s/t/ E. W. TOWSEY
Capt. QMC

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293 Osterlund, John A.
Sgt. 37 046 443

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22 August 1947

N A R R A T I V E

The Town-Hall at Lierneux list 4 tanks left in that community. These were checked with information listed:

Road from Odrimont to Amcoment - No. C 32, 1 A, 628 TD. Statement given that this tank hit a mine on 5 of January 1945. No remains found.

Road from Lansival to Hierlot - No. 7- -814 TD, A-31. No remains or clues.

Road near Baneux - No. 3 33 , 3081925 - Burnt canvas bag found with lettering COV. no remains or other clues.

Road from Baneux to Jevigne - No. 3 - 33- , 1-33, 3081884. No remains or clues.

Further the Town-Hall states of the tanks already removed if the removal crew had found remains they would have reported it to the Town-Hall.

Deceased American soldiers that were found have previously been removed by AGRC. Dog Tags were found near a vehicle near Prove-droux, however, the name given is not reported as a casualty from the Alphabetical Listings of Unresolved Casualties. The type of vehicle is not known but had been removed approximately in the autumn of 1946 by a Belgian scrap dealer.

The Priest of Lierneux also certifies no isolated graves known or remains found which have not yet been removed.

L. W. Bladow
L.W. Bladow
US WD Civilian
Investigator.

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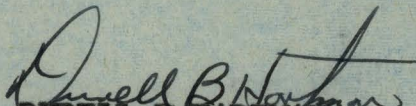
I, the undersigned, Priest at Lierneux, declare to the best of my knowledge, that there are no graves of Allied soldiers in our cemetery; that in my parish there are no more isolated graves and further that there are no Allied tanks left in our village.

Lierneux, 20 August 1947

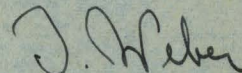
/s/ W. Wenders
Pastor

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DURRELL B HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


I. Weber
Translator

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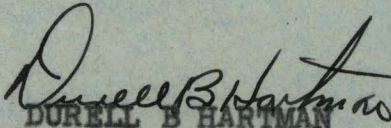
Amcomont, 19 August 1947

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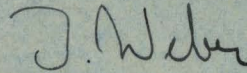
I, the undersigned, certify, that I know that an American tank ran into a mine near my house on 5 January 1945. None of the bodies have been found.

/s/ Lambert. Franc

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:


DURELL B HARTMAN
1st Lt. Infantry

Certified True Translation:


I. Weber
Translator

PROVINCE OF LIERNEUX
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 Community of Lierneux

Belgium 6)
 9975
 Lierneux, 19 August 1947

S T A T E M E N T

I, the undersigned JEHENSON, Burgomaster of the community of Lierneux, certify that three bodies of American soldiers have been found in the woods of the community of Lierneux. These bodies have been removed by the American Graves Registration.

There was an American tank in the immediate surroundings of Lierneux. Actually this has been dismantled and transported. No remains of bodies have been found in that tank. If there should have been, I would have been informed.

I am sure that there are still four American tanks in the community. The situation of those tanks is as follows:

- 1 on the road of Lansival to Hierlot (near the post of Hierlot)
- 1 below the hamlet of Baneux;
- 1 on the road of Baneux to Jevigne;
- 1 on the road of Odrimont to Amcomont.

No other American bodies have been found on the territory of the community of Lierneux. Persons who find a body, will inform us.

Only German soldiers are buried in the cemeteries of the community.

Two identity tags have been found near the village of Provedroux under the remains of a light American tank, which was burned; no trace of bodies has been found.

This are all information I can give you. I don't know if you can obtain other information.

Listed below are the hamlets of the community of Lierneux:

Lierneux	Hierlot	Noirefontaine	La Vaux
Baneux	La Chapelle	Reharmont	Verleumont
Jevigne	Odrimont	Brux	Petit-Sart
Lansival	Amcomont	La Falize	Grand Sart
Joubieval	La Bedinne	Salmchateau	Provedroux.

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For the Burgomaster,
 The Communal Secretary
 /s/t/ G.C. DUMOULIN

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY:

Certified True Translation:

Durrell B Hartman
 DURELL B HARTMAN
 1st Lt. Infantry

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 I. Weber
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 QMGMS 293 *Ident* 1st Ind
 GRS European
 SUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept. of the Army, OCMG, Washington 25, D. C., 12 October 1950

TO: Commanding Officer, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757,
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

1. There is no record of the complete crew listing for the tank in which Cpl Marvin F. Tranden, 37321935 and Pfc Russell L. Warden, 34192235 lost their lives.

293 2. Dates of death for T/A George Hawkins, 32249518 and Sgt. John A. Ostertund, 37046443 are not in agreement with those of Cpl Tranden and Pfc Warden. It is therefore improbable that they were crew members of the same tank.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl n/c

THOMAS E. COX
 Captain QMC
 Memorial Division

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AIRMAIL

QMMS 293
OSTERLUND, John A. *JH*
~~ASN 37046443~~

4 October 1950

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO: Commanding Officer
7887 Graves Registration Detachment
APO 757, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to 1st Indorsement, this Office, dated 9 August 1950, file QMMS 293, OSTERLUND, John A., Subject: Request for Information.

2. Submitted herewith is a copy of the reply, with map of the Prumerburg area attached thereto, received from Clarence R. Jones relative to the fate of Sgt. John A. Osterlund, 37046443.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

1 Incl
Cy ltr w/map atchd
from Jones

THOMAS E. COX
Capt QMG
Memorial Division

Cy furnished: Adm Sec
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4 October 1950

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ADM SEC
OCT 4 1950
JOHN A. GARDNER

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO: Commanding Officer
7887 Graves Registration Detachment
APO 737, c/o Postmaster
New York, New York

1. Reference is made to last involvement, this office, dated 9 August 1950, RE: JOHN A. GARDNER, John A., Subject: Request for Information.

2. Detailed herewith is a copy of the reply, with map of the surrounding area attached thereto, received from Clarence E. Jones relative to the late of Sgt. John A. Gardner, 3706443.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

THOMAS E. COX
Capt
General Division

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from Jones

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OCT 4 1950
ADM SEC



AIRMAIL

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QMGS 293
OSTERLUND, John A.
ASN 37046443

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4 October 1950

Mr. Clarence R. Jones
R.R. #1, Box 48
Hallsville, Missouri

Dear Mr. Jones:

Your letter of 27 September 1950, with the map inclosed, per-
taining to the fate of Sgt. John Osterlund has been received and
the information you furnished sent to the Graves Registration
Service overseas.

Please accept my appreciation and thanks for your prompt reply
and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS E. COX
Capt QMC
Memorial Division

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for KH*

Cy furnished: Adm Sec
TNO/rar

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4 October 1950

ADM 370443
OSTERLUND, John A.
DAMES 293

Mr. Clarence R. Jones
R.R. #1, Box 48
Hallsville, Missouri

Dear Mr. Jones:

Your letter of 27 September 1950, with the map inclosed, pertaining to the fate of Sgt. John Osterlund has been received and the information you furnished sent to the Graves Registration Service overseas.

Please accept my appreciation and thanks for your prompt reply and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS E. OYE
Capt
Memorial Division

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OCT 4 1950
ADM SEC
R-131

for KH

293 Osterlund, John A. ^{Sgt. 27, 1950.} 37046443
 Dear Sir,

In reference to your letter of Sept. 12, 1950 concerning information relative to the circumstances in the death of Sgt.

293 John A. Osterlund, this is to advise you of the following:

1. I do not know how badly he was hurt.
2. I do not know if it was possible that he was taken prisoner.

I did not hear of anything concerning him at a later date.

I do not have any burial information concerning him.

I do not have any other information concerning Sgt. Osterlund.

I have marked the map as best as I can remember. I do remember that the road came into a "Y" and there was a house in the middle

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Identification Form

293 - Osterlund, John A. - 37046443

Sept. 27, 1950

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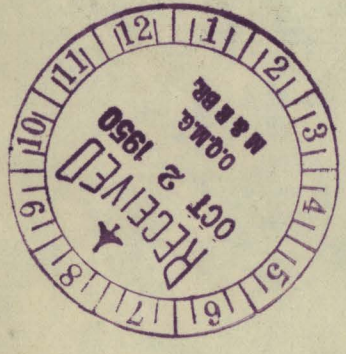
We were trying to get to the "4" before the enemy did but they beat us there and flanked us on the right side of the road and that was when we got hit.

I am sorry that I couldn't be of any more help to you.

Yours truly,
Clarence R Jones
R. R. #1 Box 48
Hallsville, Missouri



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QMGMS 293
 Osterlund, John A.
 SN 37046443

12 September 1950

Mr. Clarence R. Jones
 617 Ann Street
 Columbia, Missouri

Dear Mr. Jones:

This Office is endeavoring to obtain all possible information relative to the circumstances of death and burial of Sgt. John A. Osterlund, who was reported as missing in action on 23 December 1944 in the vicinity of Prumerburg, Belgium when his tank was hit by enemy fire.

Our records show that you were the gunner on this tank and that you attempted to help Sgt. Osterlund as he lay unconscious beside the tank. It will be greatly appreciated and very helpful if you can furnish information relative to the following questions concerning him:

1. Do you know how badly injured he was?
2. Do you think it possible that he was taken prisoner?
3. Did you hear anything concerning him at a later date?
4. Do you have any burial information concerning him?
5. Any other information you may have relative to Sgt. Osterlund.

It is further requested that you attempt to pinpoint the exact area, on the attached map, where the action occurred. The Prumerburg area is circled in green for your convenience. This map is very detailed and is scaled at one mile to each 1 1/2 inches.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS R. COX
 Capt., QMG
 Memorial Division

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 Map of Belgium

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Osterland, John A.
SM 1706643

13 September 1950

Mr. Clarence R. Jones
617 1/2 Street
Columbia, Missouri
Dear Mr. Jones:

This Office is endeavoring to obtain all possible information relative to the circumstances of death and burial of Sgt. John A. Osterland, who was reported as missing in action on 30 December 1949 in the vicinity of Trunburg, Belgium when his tank was hit by enemy fire.

Your records show that you were the garrison on this tank and that you attempted to help Sgt. Osterland as he lay motionless beside the tank. It will be greatly appreciated and very helpful if you can furnish information relative to the following questions concerning this:

1. Do you know how badly injured he was?
2. Do you think it possible that he was taken prisoner?
3. Did you hear anything concerning him at a later date?
4. Do you have any burial information concerning him?
5. Any other information you may have relative to Sgt. Osterland.

It is further requested that you attempt to pinpoint the exact area, the attached map, where the action occurred. The surrounding area is shown in green on your correspondence. This map is very detailed and a search of our files is being made.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS R. BARNETT
Major, USA
Special Agent



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QMGMS 293
 Osterlund, John A.
 SN- 37046443

28 August 1950

Mr. Clarence R. Jones
 Route # 6
 Columbia, Boone County, Missouri

Dear Mr. Jones:

This Office is endeavoring to obtain all possible information relative to the circumstances of death and burial of Sgt. John A. Osterlund who was reported as missing in action on 22 December 1944 in the vicinity of Prumerburg, Belgium when his tank was hit by enemy fire.

Our records show that you were the gunner on this tank and that you attempted to help Sgt. Osterlund as he lay unconscious beside the tank. It will be greatly appreciated and very helpful if you can furnish information relative to the following questions concerning him:

- (1) Do you know how badly injured he was?
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It is further requested that you attempt to pinpoint the exact area where the action occurred on the attached map. The Prumerburg area is circled in green for your convenience. This map is very detailed and is scaled at one mile to each 1 1/2 inches.

Sincerely yours,

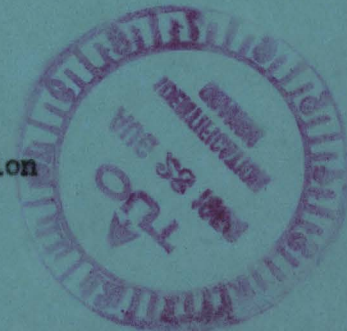
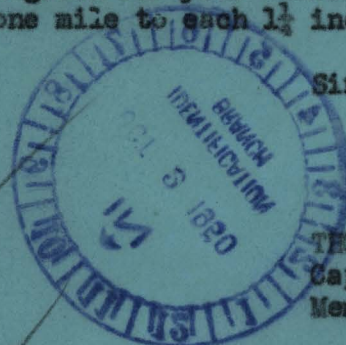
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 Memorial Division

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QMGMS 293

1st Ind

Osterlund, John A.

SN 37046443

SUBJECT: Request for information

Dept. of the Army, OCMG, Washington 25, D. C., 9 August 1950

TO: Commanding Officer, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757,
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

A letter of inquiry and a map of the Prumerburg area have been sent to Clarence R. Jones. His reply will be forwarded as soon as practicable.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

THOMAS E. COX
Capt., QMC
Memorial Division

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

GRRE 293.9

17 July 1950

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Memorial Division

1. Reference is made to OQMG Form 371 and 293 file, your office, pertaining to Sgt OSTERLUND, John A., 37 046 443.
2. It is requested that Pfc Clarence R. JONES, 37 514 361, the gunner of the tank in which Sgt OSTERLUND was a crew member, at the time he was listed as missing in action, be contacted for all possible information including exact place of death.
3. Further request that Pfc JONES be furnished an overlay of the area, if available, in order to pinpoint the place that the incident occurred.
4. Further action is withheld pending receipt of the data requested above.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

JUL 25 1950
GEORGE GUNBERMAN, Jr.
Major QMG
Registration Division

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(Belgium 9973)

HEADQUARTERS
7887 GRAVES REGISTRATION DETACHMENT
REGISTRATION DIVISION
APO 787 (Liege) US ARMY

17 July 1950

ORR 233.9

SUBJECT: Request for information

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Memorial Division

1. Reference is made to OMG Form 271 and 233 file, your office, pertaining to Sgt OSTERLUND, John A., 27 048 443.
2. It is requested that Pfc Clarence R. JONES, 27 514 261, the gunner of the tank in which Sgt OSTERLUND was a crew member, at the time he was listed as missing in action, be contacted for all possible information including exact place of death.
3. Further request that Pfc JONES be furnished an overview of the area, if available, in order to pinpoint the place that the incident occurred.
4. Further action is withheld pending receipt of the data requested above.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

GEN. QUARMASTER
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8 August 1950

QMOMS 293
 Osterlund, John A.
 SN-37046443

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 Mr. Clarence R. Jones
 4240 North 45th Street
 Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Jones:

This Office is endeavoring to obtain all possible information relative to the circumstances of death and burial of Sgt. John A. Osterlund who was reported as missing in action on 22 December 1944 in the vicinity of Prumerburg, Belgium when his tank was hit by enemy fire.

Our records show that you were the gunner on this tank and that you attempted to help Sgt. Osterlund as he lay unconscious beside the tank. It will be greatly appreciated and very helpful if you can furnish information relative to the following questions concerning him:

- (1) Do you know how badly injured he was?
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- (3) Did you hear anything concerning him at a later date?
- (4) Do you have any burial information concerning him?
- (5) Any other information you may have relative to Sgt. Osterlund.

It is further requested that you attempt to pinpoint the exact area where the action occurred on the attached map. The Prumerburg area is circled in green for your convenience. This map is very detailed and is scaled at one (1) mile to each 1 1/2 inches.

Please use the enclosed self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, to expedite delivery of your reply.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS E. COX
 Capt QMC
 Memorial Division

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 Map of Belgium

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8 August 1950

Mr. Clarence R. Jones
4340 North 45th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Jones:

The Office is endeavoring to obtain all possible information relative to the circumstances of death and burial of Sgt. John A. Osterlund who was reported as missing in action on 22 December 1944 in the vicinity of Przemysl, Belgium when his tank was hit by enemy fire.

Our records show that you were the gunner on this tank and that you attempted to help Sgt. Osterlund as he lay unconscious beside the tank. It will be greatly appreciated and very helpful if you can furnish information relative to the following questions concerning him:

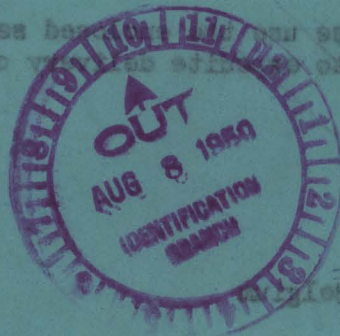
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If it is further requested that you attempt to pinpoint the exact area where the action occurred on the attached map. The Przemysl area is circled in green for your convenience. This map is very detailed and is scaled at one (1) mile to each 1/4 inches.

Please use a self-addressed envelope, which requires no postage, to receive a copy of your reply.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS E. COE
Capt
Memorial Division



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QMGMS 293 1st Ind
Osterlund, John A.
ASN 37 046 443
SUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept of the Army, OQMG, Washington 25, D. C., 13 June 1950

TO: Commanding Officer, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757,
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Submitted herewith is copy of Memorandum for Record dated 24 March 1950, Subject: Review of circumstances surrounding the disappearance of Sergeant John A. Osterlund, 37046443.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

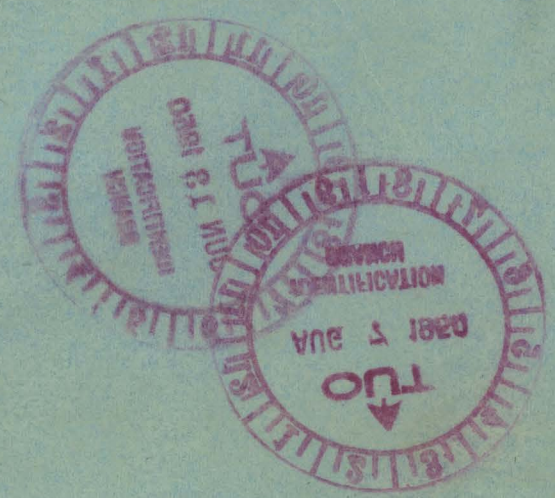
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Capt QMC
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Osterlund, John A.
ASN 37 046 443
SUBJECT: Request for Information

Dept of the Army, OMDG, Washington 25, D. C., 13 June 1950

TO: Commanding Officer, 7887 Graves Registration Detachment, APO 757,
c/o Postmaster, New York, New York

Submitted herewith is copy of Memorandum for Record dated 24 March
1950, Subject: Review of circumstances surrounding the disappearance of
Sergeant John A. Osterlund, 3704643.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

THOMAS E. COX
Capt OMC
Memorial Division

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

GRRE 293.9 (IB)

26 May 1950

SUBJECT: Request for Information

TO: The Quartermaster General
Washington 25, D. C.
ATTENTION: Memorial Division

293 1. Reference is made to OQMG Form 371 pertaining to
Sgt John A. OSTERLUND, 37 046 443, FOD 23 December 1944.

2. It is requested that all available data contained in records your office, including Status Review and Determination Report and After Action Report, be forwarded this headquarters as a possible aid in resolving this case.

3. Further action is withheld pending receipt of the data requested above.

FOR THE COMMANDING OFFICER:

JAMES C. MacFARLAND
Major OQMG
Registration Division



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 AG 201 Osterlund, John A.
 37046443 (24 Mar 50)

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24 March 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD:

SUBJECT: Review of Circumstances Surrounding the Disappearance
 of Sergeant John A. Osterlund.

1. ETO Casualty Shipment No. 005 reported that Sgt John A. Osterlund, 37046443, Infantry, Co A, 31st Tank Bn, was missing in action, in Belgium, on 22 December 1944. Under the provisions of Section 5, Missing Persons Act, a Finding of Death was issued for Sergeant Osterlund, setting the presumed date of his death as 23 December 1945 (SR&D No 4957).

2. a. Missing Report, dated 7 February 1945, submitted for Sergeant Osterlund states he was a member of a tank crew which was defending a cross road 400 yards west of Pruskerburg, Belgium, on 22 December 1944. The tank was hit by enemy fire on the side and on the turret, forcing the crew to abandon it. As the area was overrun by enemy infantry, the crew had to leave the area and return to Allied lines. Sergeant Osterlund was last seen lying on the ground next to the tank, unconscious. Pfc Clarence R. Jones, 37514361, the gunner of the tank attempted to help Sergeant Osterlund, but was forced by the intensity of enemy action to leave him. No search was conducted for Sergeant Osterlund because of the presence of enemy troops in the area.

b. The Service Record of Sergeant Osterlund shows that he was missing in action on 22 December 1944 at Lierneux, Belgium (50°17'N - 5°48'E).

3. Sergeant Osterlund has never been reported as a prisoner of war by any source, official or unofficial. The Office of The Quartermaster General has no burial information on file that is associated with Sergeant Osterlund at the present time.

4. Although Sergeant Osterlund was seriously wounded and unconscious when he was last seen, the presence of German troops in the area makes a determination of the date and manner of his death impossible unless further information is received. During the Battle of the Bulge a large number of men were captured who subsequently died in captivity but were never reported

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AG 201 Osterlund, John A.
37046443 (24 Mar 50)

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Lulu May Lybrook
Investigator

CONCUR:

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

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37046443 (24 Mar 50)

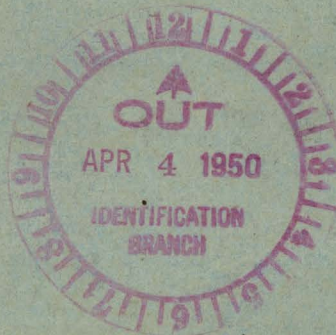
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CONCERN:

John May Lybrook
Investigator

H. B. STARR
Captain, AGO
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Casualty Section
PA Branch, AGO

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AIRMAIL

QMOMS 293
Osterlund, John A.
SN 37 046 443

17 March 1949

SUBJECT: Additional Information

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

1. Reference is made to your radio AGRC 1353 dated 2 March 1949.
2. Attached hereto is OQMG Form 371, in duplicate, covering all available dental and physical information for Sgt. John A. Osterlund, 37046443.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL:

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U.S. ARMY SECURITY COMMAND

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

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AIRMAIL

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17 March 1949

General
Caterling, John A.
on 27 of 1949

SUBJECT: Additional Information

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

1. Reference is made to your radio AGRS 1377 dated 8 March 1949.
2. Attached hereto is OAG Form 271, in duplicate, covering
all available dental and physical information for Sgt. John A. Caterling,
Binh Hoa.

FOR THE QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)		GRADE	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER	
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PASS TO MEMORIAL DIVISION

REQUEST THIS OFFICE BE FURNISHED ALL AVAILABLE DENTAL INFORMATION

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HAS FORM 3101 BEEN FURNISHED ?	DATE
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THIS FORM IS TO BE FILED WITH THE PAPERS OF VETERAN IF IT FORMS THE BASIS OF A WRITTEN COMMUNICATION PREPARED IN THIS OFFICE.
 (Used by Hq. Personnel Records Sec. and Special Service Unit. See also Army Reg. Nos. 42, 154, and 181.)

293 Osterlund, John A (37046443)

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G. W. ROGERS
Capt., OMC
Identification Branch

REGISTER OF DENTAL PATIENTS AT

Ft. Benning, Ga. SN 3704643 **31**

(1) SURNAME		(2) CHRISTIAN NAME	
Osterlund,		John A.	
(3) RANK	(4) COMPANY	(5) REGIMENT OR STAFF CORPS	
Sgt.	A.	31st Tank Bn.	
(6) AGE, YEARS	(7) RACE	(8) NATIVITY	(9) SERVICE, YEARS
27	W.	Iowa	2-4/12

(10) DISEASE OR INJURY WITH LOCATION, COMPLICATIONS, SEQUELAE, ETC.	(11) DATES AND NATURE OF TREATMENTS AND OPERATIONS	(12) RESULTS AND REMARKS
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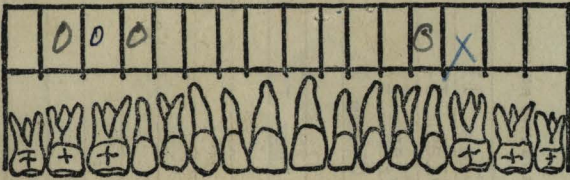
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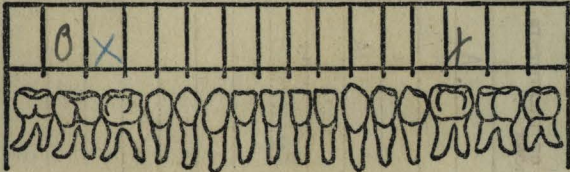
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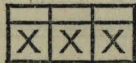
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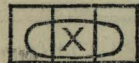
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DATE OF BIRTH		DATE OF DEATH	DATE OF DEATH
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Osterlund, John A. - 37046443
Last Name First Name

To Clinical Records Branch

For disposition

The records show medical treatment as follows:

Hospital	From	To	Register Number
Station Hosp. Cp. Polk, La.	Mar. 17, 1942	Mar. 21, 1942	11130
Station Hosp. Ft. Benning, Ga.	Nov. 5, 1943	Dec. 24, 1943 - 1944	79

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Clerk Date Branch

IDENTIFICATION SECTION
MEMORIAL DIVISION

IDENTIFICATION DATA

LAST NAME - FIRST NAME - MIDDLE INITIAL <i>Osterlund, John A</i>			ARMY SERIAL NUMBER <i>37046443</i>		GRADE <i>Sgt.</i>
HEIGHT <i>5'5"</i>	WEIGHT <i>139</i>	COLOR EYES <i>Brown</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>Brown</i>	SHOE SIZE <i>7E</i>	DATE OF DEATH <i>Presumed Dec. 23, 1945</i>

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

Co. A - 31st Tank Bn.

PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA

*Missing Dec. 23, 44 in the vicinity
of Prumerberg, Belgium.*

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

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<i>Cp. Polk, La</i>	<i>June 41 - No Record,</i>
<i>St. Benning, Ga.</i>	<i>Nov. 43 - " "</i>

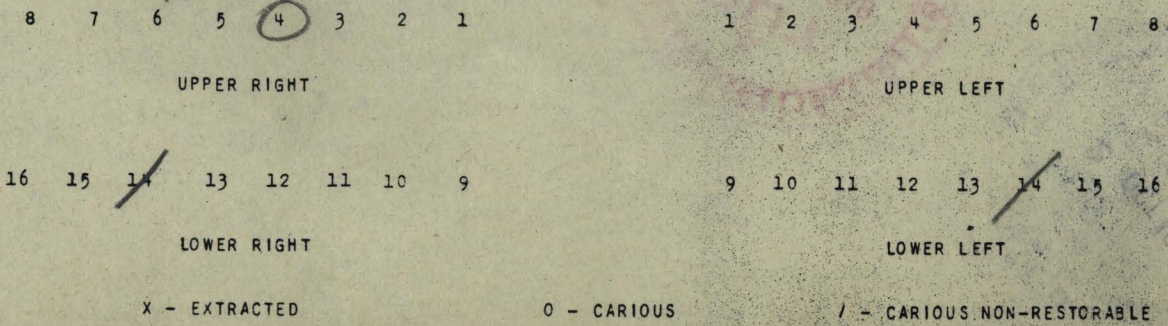
FROM: W.D. AGO CLINICAL RECORDS BRANCH
NO RECORDS ON FILE

FRACTURES AND/OR BREAKS
*Amputation
index finger Rt.
fracture middle finger Rt.*

TATTOOS AND/OR BIRTH MARKS
none

June 28, 1941.

DENTAL CHART



293 FILE

DATA ON REMAINS NOT YET RECOVERED OR IDENTIFIED

NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>Osterlund, John A.</i>		GRADE <i>SQT.</i>	PRESENT SERIAL NUMBER <i>37046443</i>
ORGANIZATION <i>CO A. 31ST TANK BN INF</i>	RACE	CREED	FORMER SERIAL NUMBER (If applicable)
DATE OF DEATH/MIA <i>Dec. 22-1944</i>	CAUSE OF DEATH <i>FOD</i>	PLACE OF DEATH OR PLACE LAST SEEN IF MIA <i>Vic. of Prumerberg Belgium</i>	
DATE OF FOD <i>Dec. 23-1945</i>			
HEIGHT <i>5'5"</i>	WEIGHT <i>139</i>	COLOR EYES <i>BROWN</i>	COLOR HAIR <i>BROWN</i>
			SHOE SIZE <i>7E</i>

DENTAL CHART

JUNE 28-1941

UPPER RIGHT 8 7 6 5 <u>4</u> 3 2 1	UPPER LEFT 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
LOWER RIGHT 16 15 <u>14</u> 13 12 11 10 9	LOWER LEFT 9 10 11 12 13 <u>14</u> 15 16

X = Extracted

O = Carious

1 = Carious Non-Restorable

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FILE
MAY 25 1948
L. J. ...

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

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF WAR

George F. Hebert
ADJUTANT GENERAL
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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

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European	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	
PREVIOUS REVIEWS						
None						
DATE OF BIRTH	HOME ADDRESS	DATE OF ENTRY ON CURRENT ACTIVE SERVICE	LENGTH OF SERVICE (AS OF PRESUMED DATE OF DEATH)			
2 May 1916	Des Moines, Iowa	28 Jun 1941	YEARS	MONTH	DAYS	
			Over	three	years	

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—BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

NAME			SERIAL NUMBER			GRADE	ARM OR SERVICE	REPORTING THEATRE	
OSTERLUND JOHN A			37 046 443			SGT	INF	ETO	
PLACE OF CASUALTY		DATE OF CASUALTY			FLYING OR JUMPING STAT	TYPE OF CASUALTY	SHIPMENT NUMBER		
BELGIUM 9		DAY	MONTH	YEAR		MIA	005		
		22	DEC	44					

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMERGENCY ADDRESSEE

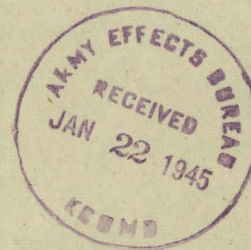
THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED ABOVE DESIGNATED THE FOLLOWING PERSON AS THE ONE TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, AND THE OFFICIAL TELEGRAPHIC AND LETTER NOTIFICATIONS WILL BE SENT TO THIS PERSON. THE RELATIONSHIP, IF ANY, IS SHOWN BELOW. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THIS PERSON IS NOT NECESSARILY THE NEXT-OF-KIN 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	
MR WILL OSTERLUND		UNCLE		15 JAN 45	
NO. AND NAME OF STREET—CITY—STATE					
C/O BROWN CAMP HARDWARE, DES MOINES, IOWA					
					lmc

REMARKS:

CORRECTED COPY

*CHANGE IN NAME AND ADDRESS OF EA.



ACTION BY PROCESSING AND VERIFICATION SECTION: REPORT VERIFIED FORM 43 AG 201 REQ. _____

CASUALTY BRANCH FILE ATTACHED _____ OR CHARGED TO _____ DATE _____

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED NO YES _____ (AS INDICATED BELOW):

FILE NO.	MESSAGE NO.	TYPE	DATE AND AREA	E. A. NOTIFIED

FORWARDED TO SPEC. IDEN. TELEGRAM WOUNDED LETTER CORRES. S. R. & D. CERTIF. M. & M. NON-DEL.

REPORT NOT VERIFIED _____ NO FORM 43 _____ NO CAS. BR. FILE _____ CHECKED BY Severell, J. G. REVIEWED BY C. D. Row

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

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

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

(S-10-12-45)

RTB:WA:gg

August 7, 1945

In Reply Refer To: 365410

Mr. Will Osterlund
 c/o Brown Camp Hardware
 Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Mr. Osterlund:

The Army Effects Bureau is forwarding to you the following personal property, recently received here, belonging to your nephew, Sergeant John A. Osterlund:

1 carton and contents

My action in transmitting the property does not of itself, vest title in you. The items are forwarded in order that you may act as gratuitous bailee in caring for them pending the return of the owner, who has been reported missing in action. In the event he later is reported a casualty, and I sincerely hope he never is, it will be necessary that the property be turned over to the person or persons legally entitled to receive it.

When delivery has been made, I shall appreciate your acknowledging receipt by signing one copy of this letter in the space provided below, and returning it to this Bureau. For your convenience, there is inclosed an addressed envelope which needs no postage.

I regret the circumstances prompting this letter, and wish to express my hope for the safe return of your nephew.

Sincerely yours,

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

Incl--
 Envelope

Receipt acknowledged:

W. L. Osterlund
 (Signature of Bailee)

Eff. Form 205 (11 Apr 45)

8/14-45
 (Date)

ARMY SERVICE FORCES
ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU

ORDER FOR SHIPMENT

Mr. Will Osterlund

SHIP TO:
Sgt. John A. Osterlund

c/o Brown Camp Hardware

Des Moines, Iowa

Effects of:

37046443

Name

365410 M

ASN

Case No.

Wt.

DATE 7 August 1945

RTB:WA:gg

W. Arthur
FOE: Effects Quartermaster

REMARKS:

 Inclose Bureau Check

 Acct. No.

 Amount

 Inclose "Valuables" items

 Ship "Valuables" item(s)

 Remove G.I.

 Note discrepancy in

 Films removed

 Diary removed

 Laundry removed

ROUTING:

 Accounting Branch

 1 Warehouse Division

 2 Files Branch, Adm. Div.

10 AUG 1945

REMARKS:

Franked **FRANKED**

Est. Exp. Chgs.

Est. Frt. Chgs.

No. of packages 1

CRT

Shipping Clerk

PACKAGE DESCRIPTION
#1 tin

ARMY EFFECTS BUREAU INVENTORY

365,410
7C

DECEASED
 MISSING
 P.O.W.
 ABANDONED
 TALLY NO. *9781* ✓
 INV. DATE *20 July 45* ✓
 OF IG. NO. OF PGS. *1*
 BOX NO. *22*
 SHEET *12*
 OF *12* SHEETS
 ORGANIZATION
*31 Tank Bn
 7th Armored Div*

NAME *John A. Osterlund*
 A.S.N. *37046443* RANK *Sgt*

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

REMARKS *only address available
 applied. Howell
 310 Milton ave.
 Brownwood Tex*

ATTACHMENTS
 FORM #54
 FORM #100
Inventory clipped

C.A.T.	<i>none</i>	WEIGHT		G.I. REMOVED
WAREHOUSE SPACE	<i>1940</i>	DATE SHIPPED	<i>10 AUG 1945</i>	X SHORTAGE ON REVERSE
INVENTORIED BY	<i>Wylie</i>	STORER BY	<i>2403</i>	IDENT. TAGS REMOVED
PACKED BY	<i>Harwood</i>	CHECKED BY	<i>5</i>	DIARY REMOVED
				LOCKED STORAGE
				LAUNDRY REMOVED
				FILM REMOVED

ADDITIONAL REMARKS

1 Red cross Bag, badly stained,
dirty no value removed me

SHORTAGES

U.S. GOVT. CHECK SHORT

1 chop stick

NUMBER

DATE

SYMBOL

AMOUNT

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

Wylie
INVENTORY CLERK

Cusby
SUPERVISOR

G.I. REMOVED

NAME OSTERLUND, -JOHN SGT. 6443

BAY	PALLET	BOX	TALLY
66	24	22	9781
TYPE OF PKG.	WHSE. SPACE	INVENTORIED	
PKG.			

Eff. QM Form 48

R E S T R I C T E D
I N V E N T O R Y F O R M

17 JANUARY 1945

Date

SUBJECT: Inventory of Personal Effects of:

OSTERLUND JOHN A SGT 37046443
(Last Name) (First Name) (MI) (Rank) (ASN)

TO: Effects Quartermaster, Communication Zone, APO _____ US Army

The above named individual of 31 TANK BN 7TH ARMORED DIVISION
(Unit) (Organization)

was reported MIA about 22 DECEMBER 1944
Status (KIA, MIA, Hosp. etc.) (Date)

Designated Beneficiary if information readily accessible NOT KNOWN

I N V E N T O R Y O F E F F E C T S

- 1 COMB ✓
- 1 RAZOR ✓
- 1 MONEY BELT ✓
- 1 BRUSH-cloth-polish ✓
- 1 WAIVER - SHAPSHOTS ✓
- 2 MEMO BOOKS ✓
- 3 RELIGIOUS BOOKS ✓
- 2 HATS ✓
- 1 CHAP STICK 0
- 1 NAIL FILE ✓
- LOCK AND KEYS ✓
- 4 LEAF CLOVER ✓
- RELIGIOUS MEDALS ✓
- 3 COLLAR INSIGNIAS ✓
- 2 MEDALS ✓
- 3 RIBBONS ✓

Money in the amount of NONE has been turned into _____
(Name of Finance Office)
Form WDFD 38 enclosed.
and symbol number)

Names and addresses of any Banks in which accounts may be carried: _____

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 _____ on 17 JANUARY 1945.
(Rail, Truck, etc.)

Name Sam B. Pyle
Rank & ASN SAM B PYLE
CAPT MSG O-1016266
Organization HEADQUARTERS 7th A.D.

Any additional pertinent information:

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